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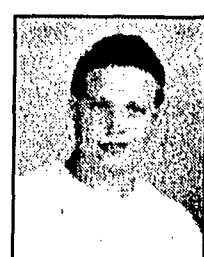
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Student avoids criminal trial



Christopher Trueblood

PUNISHMENT

As a result of his court hearing Tuesday, Trueblood must:

- participate in a sex offender treatment program
- not go to any establishment where sales of pornographic materials are the primary business
- not go anywhere with nude dancing or posing
- not to have any contact with the victim or the victim's family
- not reside with or have unsupervised contact with anyone under 17, except his brother

Trueblood receives probation, previous jail time for crime

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

A former Maryville High School senior avoided criminal trial because he entered two pleas of guilty at a hearing in a Platte County courtroom Monday. Christopher A. Trueblood, 17, was charged on two felony counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

David Baird, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney, said Trueblood entered an Alford plea, which pleads guilt while continuing to deny all allegations.

Judge Daniel Czamanske sentenced Trueblood to one year in jail on the first charge, in which there was alleged sexual contact between Trueblood and a child under 17 while the defendant was acting as a babysitter. On the second count, Trueblood allegedly endangered the welfare of the child by hitting or striking. The court suspended the jail sentence and placed Trueblood on five years probation.

Trueblood will receive

credit for the time he has spent in jail, which followed his February 1996 arrest. Baird said Missouri law requires that a defendant receive such credit while awaiting trial.

"We knew that even if a jury were to convict and sentence the defendant to prison, after being given credit for the time he had served in jail, it was likely he would be immediately eligible for parole," Baird said.

Trueblood will be placed on probation and must abide by regulations. His probation will be supervised by the Missouri Department of Probation and Parole and he will undergo sexual abuse counseling.

Baird said the judgment handed down suited the case.

"In this case, after consultation with the family and potential witnesses, we were able to achieve a result which guaranteed convictions of the defendant, credit him with the time served and protect the public by placing him on stringent, supervised probation for the next five years," Baird said.

Trueblood will also pay restitution of \$3,660 to Nodaway County in jail costs and \$150 for public defender fees.

Steam pipes work continues

The continuing work on the steam line project will again disrupt service to certain campus buildings.

The \$8 million project will eventually replace the entire steam line and chilled water pipes which heat and cool Northwest. Some of the items which will take place over the next few weeks include:

Friday, Feb. 21

The water lines routed through the central campus will be shut down at 7 a.m. so the steam line contractor can modify the existing three water lines which cross through the new tunnel run for Lamkin Gym. Water to Lamkin Activity Center, Martindale Gym and the Foster Aquatic

Center will be off approximately six hours.

The steam and condensate systems will shut down at 2 p.m. These systems have to be shut down so that the contractor can modify the existing steam and condensate lines that cross through the new tunnel run for Lamkin Gym. North Complex, South Complex, Brown Hall and the Union will be off line and without heat for three hours. The Foster Aquatic Center, Martindale Gym, Lamkin Activity Center, DeLuce Fine Arts Building and the Mary Linn Performing Arts

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STATE-BOUND 'HOUNDS



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Junior Wyatt Dunbar, one of nine Maryville High School wrestlers competing at state this weekend, loads his gear on the van taking the team to Columbia Wednesday. Dunbar finished third at sectionals in the 152-weight class.

Wrestlers grapple with state

by Chris Gelnosky
Community Sports Editor

After a season schedule and district and sectional tournaments, nine Spoofohounds will travel to Columbia to lock horns with Missouri's best.

Seniors Calvin Mathes, 140 pounds, Wyatt Dunbar, 152 pounds, and Geoff Goudge, 215 pounds; juniors Jeremy Tobin, 119 pounds, and Ryan Castillo, 135 pounds; and freshman Jeremy Bradshaw, 145 pounds, will make their first appearances at the Missouri 1A-2A State Finals, which begins at 12:45 p.m. today at the Hearnes Center.

One of the most important aspects of state is simply controlling your nerves and staying focused on the task at hand.

Tobin realizes the state finals can be an overwhelming place to wrestle and knows he has to try

to ignore all the hype.

"It hasn't hit me yet, but I'm sure I'll probably get nervous," Tobin said. "When I get down there, I'm going to have to concentrate on nothing except wrestling and try to block everything else out."

Castillo said going to state has been a goal of his all season, and now he has the chance to wrestle against the best.

"I'm excited to go down to state," Castillo said. "I want to set high goals, and I want to try to place. But more than anything else, I want to wrestle my best and do the best I can."

Senior Jeff Beacom, 189 pounds, and junior Jeremy Lliteras, 130 pounds, are making their second trip to the state while junior Mark Anderson, 112 pounds, is making his third

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Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Nine members of the Maryville High School wrestling team, along with student managers, left for state competition in Columbia Wednesday afternoon. The three-day event kicked off this morning.

On the Web.

To find out how Maryville wrestlers are faring at state, check out this web site, which will be updated regularly:

<http://www.stinet.com/prep>

Regents approve higher tuition

Despite funding from state, school still needs money

by Jacob DiPietre
Chief Reporter

Northwest is increasing the price of tuition for the 1997-98 school year.

The Board of Regents voted Monday to raise tuition for undergraduate Missouri residents and out-of-state tuition.

Northwest received more money than any other four-year state school from Gov. Mel Carnahan, but the University still needed to raise tuition to help cover basic operating costs.

University President Dean Hubbard said about 9 percent of the 10.1 percent increase received from the state is going to pay for the University's Mission Enhancement Program.

The money left over is not enough for all the costs of running the University, Hubbard said the tuition increase will help cover these costs.

"We received 10.1 percent from the state government, but most of that went into the mission enhancement in the short term," Hubbard said. "Only one and a half percent goes against what is known as operating base, what it takes to run the institution."

Hubbard said the University probably will not need all the money set aside to start the mission enhancement program. He said once the program is up and running the excess money will go



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Danny Marsh, president of the Board of Regents, cuts a ribbon to ceremoniously open the renovated second floor of the Administration Building. Behind him, from left are Missouri Representative Sam Graves, University President Dean Hubbard, faculty emeritus Everett Brown, regent Chip Strong, regent Jim Gibson and regent Jane Pansing Brown. See page 5 for more on the grand-opening festivities.

into salaries and operating costs.

"After those things are in place and working, we're free to use any of that money left over for salaries etc.," he said. "I mean we all know that start-up costs are greater than operating costs."

Operating costs for the University also includes money for teachers' salaries. Some of the money from the tuition hike will go into the instructors' salary fund. Hubbard said the University owes it to the students to attract the highest-quality teachers.

"The other significant cost increase item is just the normal salary increases that we need to give to faculty," Hubbard said. "Our students deserve as good a faculty as any student at any other institution — that means we have to pay competitive salaries."

'97-'98 student fees

- Undergraduate Tuition**
- Mo. resident: \$84.50/credit hour (\$4 increase)
 - Non-resident: \$147.75/credit hour (\$7.50 increase)
- Graduate Tuition**
- Mo. resident: \$105/credit hour (\$3.75 increase)
 - Non-resident: \$186.50/credit hour (\$7.25 increase)
- Technology fee**
- \$3/credit hour (\$1 increase)
- Room and Board**
- \$1,890/semester (\$45 increase) for new occupants
 - returning residents will pay 1996-97 or 1995-96 rates
 - Roberta rate: \$200 additional
 - Private room rate: \$600 additional

Next EC phase will mean new room computers

by Lindsey Corey
Chief Reporter

Ten years ago, Northwest became the first public college or university in the nation to offer a computer terminal in every residence hall room and faculty office as part of the Electronic Campus project.

Monday, the Board of Regents approved a plan, tentatively titled EC97, for upgrading the current system through the leasing or purchasing of 1,600 desktop personal computers and networking equipment. By the beginning of the 1997 fall semester, the computers will be placed in all residence hall rooms and selected public computer labs throughout campus.

The \$2 million project will be financed through a \$1 per credit hour increase in the technology fee and several University sources. The technology fee, assessed to all students, will be increased to \$3 per credit hour beginning with the 1997 fall semester. The fee will help to fund four additional staffers.

"We'll need a more powerful phone help desk in a central point," Jon Rickman, vice president for informational systems, said. "Instead of offering short courses, we'll need a continuous source."

The new desktop computers will be graphics-based and will make it possible for students to access the World Wide Web from their hall rooms. Ethernet will also be added to each room.

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OUT OF AFRICA



Kristina Wilburn, second from left, is spending a semester in Forecariah, West Africa, as a missionary teaching English. While overseas, Wilburn is also enrolled in a multiculturalism in education class at the University.



Northwest student teaches English in Africa as part of semester missionary program

Teaching dream comes true

by Nicole Fuller
Opinion Editor

Although she's experienced numerous unexpected marriage proposals, poisonous snakes and several dangerous accidents, one Northwest student still feels she's blessed with a once in a lifetime experience.

It has always been a dream to be a missionary in Africa for Kristina Wilburn, but now it's a reality.

"I have always felt called to be a missionary, and I hoped I would end up in Africa," Wilburn said.

Her dream started when she read an article about the top 10 reasons why young people aren't missionaries.

"One of the reasons stated was, 'because I have to finish college first,'" Wilburn said. "That one hit me pretty hard, because I always said I would do something like this after college."

Wilburn decided to apply for a semester program for students. Wilburn received a phone call on Dec. 1 from

the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., telling her she had a choice between being a youth minister in the Netherlands or an English teacher in French-speaking country of Guinea, West Africa.

"It took me less than a second to make my decision (that) Guinea it would be," Wilburn said. "This kind of placement was really an answer to a prayer, a dream come true and right up my alley as an English and French secondary education major."

Brenda Wilburn, Kristina's mother, said God was calling her to the missions.

"She was led by God to do this, and we think she has made a wise decision," Brenda said. "We support her 100 percent."

Missionaries have only been allowed in Guinea since the mid-1980s, but since that time there has been no major problems with missionaries' safety.

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OurView

OF THE STATE

Missouri drivers will benefit from belt law

For years, many states have made the wise move of requiring passengers in cars to fasten their safety belts while driving. This rule has been especially important for the children to follow because of the increased risk of injury and/or death these smaller people face in a potential accident.

Finally, some Missouri legislators have made the beginning moves to assure that all Missouri children are required to follow these same laws.

Currently in the Missouri Senate, legislators are considering a bill that would require all passengers in a car, age 4 through 15, to wear seat belts, whether they sit in the front or back seat.

One of the reasons this law is necessary is that current law requires that children only buckle their seat belts when riding in the front seat of the car.

Some other very important additions to the current seat belt laws in Missouri include the following:

- Drivers violating the seat belt law may be stopped for this violation alone. This is known as primary

enforcement, to which nine other states already have similar laws.

- All drivers and front-seat passengers of pickup trucks are required to wear seat belts.

This addition is especially important for a town such as Maryville where pickup trucks are as common or more common than smaller cars.

Violating any of the provisions of this law would result in a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to one year in jail.

People will probably complain about parts of this bill, but those complaints are merely covering up the basic facts:

Wearing seat belts is a necessary precaution against brutal injury in a car accident. Sure, it's sometimes uncomfortable, but a little discomfort goes a long way toward ensuring safety.

This bill is a tough and necessary step toward protecting Missouri drivers, particularly children passengers, on Missouri roads.

We congratulate the Missouri Senate for trying to crack down on lazy and careless drivers with this bill.



OurView

OF THE COMMUNITY

Give thanks to those who give their time

Time — it's one of the things that everyone knows exists, but they always say there's not enough of it.

It is an easy excuse to make, and everyone has used it at some point in their life.

We never have enough time in the day to do all the things we want to accomplish, but there are those who put others before themselves and make the time.

There are a number of people in this town who try to make Maryville a better and more enjoyable place to live. There are many "unsung heroes," you could say, that make the time for other people, even if they are busy people themselves.

In last week's issue of the Northwest Missourian, it was reported that a number of individuals spent their time teaching kids the basics of wrestling and winning is not the most important facet of life.

Another fact of life is a teacher who makes time for a group of youngsters who play basketball at St. Gregory Church.

Other examples include people who coach Little League in the summer and those in town who have fought to bring soccer to the high

school and the University.

Athletics have to do with heart, courage and the love of the sport, even though professional athletes have turned it into money and fame.

People often speak of role models, and as time has progressed, it seems professional athletes keep lowering that on their priority list.

Now, this is not true of all athletes, but it is these athletes that give sports a bad name.

The most recent of these actions occurred in Omaha, Neb., earlier this week. Lawrence Phillips, St. Louis Rams runningback and former Nebraska Cornhusker, was at a party, and if you thought the man would have learned from his mistakes in the past two years, you were wrong.

Phillips was arrested for disorderly conduct, and once again sets a great example in the sports world by making television in handcuffs.

It is those that play or coach — because it is in their blood, their guts and not for personal glory — that should be recognized for their accomplishments. It just seems that those are the people who always get overlooked in today's society.



Opinion



MyTurn

Valentine story intends awareness



Rob J. Brown

Missourian coverage of Condom Day shows sharp coverage, not lack of taste

During my routine browse of the Daily Forum Sunday, I came across Elizabeth Sharp Allen's column "Valentine's Day is now exploited." As a curious reader, I continued to find out why Allen thinks Cupid Day is demoralized.

After reminiscing about the special events that spark her memories of the holiday, Allen cited the Northwest Missourian's front page and inside stories surrounding our approach to Valentine's Day as inappropriate and tasteless.

As an editorial board, we decided to take a different angle on the holiday rather than the typical relationship or what-to-buy sappy stories. In the Feb. 13 issue, we featured a front-page story on the sales of condom roses on campus.

Allen mocked the article and challenged us to get serious. Well, I don't know of a more serious topic than sex and the health and social issues that surround it.

While STDs are running rampant through our campus, and nationally, pregnancy among college-aged women is on the rise, all Allen could express was her

disgust that we took the initiative to tackle a serious topic.

As far as calling the article tasteless, I believe it is nothing but informative and I hope students bought and used the condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

If reading this article prompted just one reader to purchase and use protection during sexual intercourse, I feel proud. I also encourage the readers to use this motivation throughout the year and not just on National Condom Day, which fell on Valentine's Day.

The condom story was a minor feature on the front page and could be seen as a bit brash, but instead of dubbing the articles as exploitation, I'd rather consider our take as the real life approach. Even though we are in small-town America, we can't turn our back to serious and pertinent topics such as the use of condoms.

Readers must remember that we are not a public relations venue. But if you seek one, Dave Gieseke and his staff put together a fine publication, Northwest This Week, that will touch on the sunnier side of

Northwest.

Also, Allen only saw the story for the condoms, if she would have read further it discussed relationships, communication skills, sending gifts, a dance to benefit the American Cancer Society and Random Act of Kindness Day supported by the Baptist Student Union.

I respect Allen's views, but now I ask readers to think about the true seriousness and pertinence of the topic and realize ours.

Although I'm leading the bandwagon of covering the holiday in the manner that we did, I can apologize about one item.

Inadvertently, the page 13 Condom Day feature and the Ash Wednesday Religion page feature were facing each other. Normally this wouldn't be a problem, but the title "A day for love" seemed to flow into a large photograph of Father Chuck Tobin addressing the congregation at last Wednesday's Mass.

I pray readers made the separation of the two features. Sometimes blunders like that happen and I apologize to Father Tobin.

Rob J. Brown is the University news editor for the Northwest Missourian.

MyTurn

Management theory proves ineffective



Cat Eldridge

Too much scheduling causes conflict in the future

Time is truly an odd thing. Everyone says, "It takes time." Well, time wouldn't be so bad if it didn't take so long.

I have a real problem with what those who get everything done on time and never put things off call "time management." Yes, I procrastinate. I study for tests the few minutes before the professor enters the room and I make plans 10 minutes before they are carried out. I guess you could call me Queen Procrastinator.

In the residence halls, all of the ARCHs encourage the residents to use a schedule to plan out every part of their day. The schedule tells us when to go to class, eat, sleep and go out.

I tried this for the first two days of the fall semester, and it drove me

nuts. I was studying at my designated time, when all of a sudden, I needed to use the restroom. As I came to this realization, I noticed that I still had an hour left before I had scheduled a break. What was I to do? I was on a schedule.

I can't stand having a schedule staring me down all day long. If you ever see my desk in the newspaper office, the first thing you will notice is what a huge mess it is. Well, there is an explanation. Now, I do not claim to be a neat person, in fact, I can be a real slob, just ask my roommate.

However, the mess on my desk hides one thing that I cannot stand to look at: My schedule. I did, however, arrange this schedule a little more flexible than the one last semester. It shows when I am at

class, and when I am in the office, but honestly, I just wasn't made to follow a schedule.

I'm a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants type of gal. If something comes up that is better than my current project, sure, I'll jump right in and put the other project off for a little while (chances are, it has already been put off anyway), but I always come back to it. I will say that when I do things, they may not get done right away, but they will get done.

So, maybe this "time management" theory just isn't for me. I need to be free; I need to have a little fun before I reach the dreaded "real world," and if that means not having a schedule, then so be it.

Cat Eldridge is the features editor for the Northwest Missourian.

MyTurn

Battle of sexes ends in disagreement



Jackie Tegen

Friends views differ on subject of women and relationships

I'm a risk taker. I like to tempt the hands of fate. I enjoy challenging others. The best way to do this is by getting into debates.

I have, however, met what could possibly be the biggest challenge ever to face my intellect.

The scenario was a simple one. It was early Sunday evening, much like any other, I had sat down with a group of friends when it happened when I heard... "I don't know which one I like, they're both hot..."

Granted it was none of my business. He hadn't even been talking to me yet the sweet words he sung struck a sour note in my mind.

Purely for argument sake, I rebuttled. I stuck my nose in business I didn't fully understand and I got stuffed.

I can't remember the words that flew from my mouth. I do know that "not pieces of meat," "more than looks matter," and "do you even know her last name" came out in speeds of high speech.

In one minute, the six of us

sitting around enjoying ourselves in the living room transformed into a battlefield of boys versus girls. My mouth had sent us hurling into an argument that all the great thinkers of the world couldn't solve — the battle of the sexes.

The room began spinning and suddenly it stopped. The result, a segregated room, men on one side and women on the other. Each side was waiting for the other to mess up.

The fact that males in general tend to value looks as the greatest importance when they first meet a certain young lady didn't bother me. But the fact that my good male friends actually thought it did, bothered me.

Through enraged frustration and a few tears, my roommates and I struggled for an understanding, in the long run of relationships, a good personality is going to beat a pretty face every time a words.

After about three hours of arguing back and forth, we finally agreed on something.

We decided to agree on disagree-

ing. There were no winners and no losers.

And instead of the triumphant rush I feel after I win a fight, I was stuck feeling emotionally drained and hateful to the male race.

I hated the male race until I reflected upon the vivid conversation and I began to understand them a little better.

I realized that instead of listening and understanding the men, I concentrated on what I would say next. I expected them to do what I myself couldn't — understand.

As scary as it was, I saw for the first time their point of view. A male does notice looks right-off-the-bat. And this is also what makes him approach a woman and get to know her as a person, not a face.

Judgements and hurt feelings are inevitable, yet when females look at it from a different angle and try to compromise, they discover the feelings of rage once held can quickly turn to flattery.

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MaryvilleView

Students' education needs to step into future



Judy Brohammer

School bond issue important in April

My focus on Maryville is the school bond issue. As a parent who has lived in many different school districts, I can tell you that I never minded paying an extra \$20 or \$100 in my property tax to give my children a good education and therefore, give them the potential to live a productive life.

I no longer have children in school, and my grandson will never benefit from the schools in Maryville, but I care about our children now. Each child in the R-II school district is my child. I owe each of these children the opportunity to be the very best he or she can be. Education is not expensive — ignorance is.

Our children need to learn the "three R's," but they also need technology knowledge. They will need to compete in a global society. Our children need to know computers inside and out; they need to have access to science labs so they can help cure the diseases that we will face and others yet unknown.

Twenty-five years ago, no one had heard of AIDS — today it is a threat to all of us. One does not begin to learn biology in college; it begins in grade and middle school. Think of the advances in cardiac medicine. A double bypass 30 years ago was very rare, now a quintuple bypass is less life-threatening than a double was in years past.

One does not begin to learn math and computers in college. It starts in our public schools now. I wish I knew as much about computers and how they could make my life easier as a fifth-grader at the middle school does. Our fifth-graders need not only the technology for learning, but the facility that will keep them safe and comfortable while they are learning. They need to know that parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors of all ages and walks of life feel they are important.

If we give them second-class facilities, and expect the teachers to make do, what

are we saying to them? Are we telling them that education is unimportant? How can we expect them to do their best in school when we are unwilling to provide them with excellent facilities?

Our School Board, and I emphasize our, because we have elected them to do the best they can for our children, has taken the public survey results and given us plans that best fit our children's needs, their teachers' needs and honored our opinions and input.

Do we owe ourselves anything but the best offered? Our children are our future. The better their education is, the more productive they will be. If you want to bring it down to economics, they are our future tax and social security dollars. Let's equip them the best we can to help them be the best they can be. Vote YES in April.

Judy Brohammer is the executive director of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

NorthwestView

Editorial misses point about Student Senate



Michelle Krambeck

Group leader explains what it has done

I was asked to write a column in response to last week's *Missourian* editorial "Current issues need Senate's attention now." As the president of Student Senate, I agree. With issues as controversial as a new computer system and a trimester schedule, the administration desperately needs the input and concerns of Northwest students. The writer of the editorial clearly felt that was not taking place here. I challenge that he or she is wrong.

The first big complaint of the editorial centers around EC+. The Board of Regents just approved an entirely new computer system (after last week's paper) to update the VAX. It sounds like a wonderful idea, but what about the hundreds of students who have invested their time, money and stress into EC+? The editorial said "one would think that Student Senate would take some action to stick up for these people." Yes, students who elected representatives onto their Senate should think that, and Senate did.

If one would have read further into that same edition of the *Missourian*, they would have found on page 4, an article about the Feb. 11 Senate meeting. The last paragraph says, "A discussion of the EC+ student organization's concerns followed." Obviously the writer of the editorial did not attend that Senate meeting and had not bothered to read the

article that would appear on the other page.

The fact is, Senate was extremely concerned about the future of EC+. A letter from the EC+ student organization was read, discussed and supported at our meeting. That very letter was presented at Monday's Board of Regent's meeting and discussed for at least 45 minutes.

Before the writer of the editorial asked, "So where the heck has Student Senate been this whole time?" maybe they should have looked.

Later in the article, the infamous trimester controversy was brought up. Where have your senators been? They've been attending focus groups and committees on that very issue. Why haven't we tried to make you, the students, more aware? We have.

Last semester, I personally called the *Northwest Missourian* to inform them of a Trimester Student Forum where University President Dean Hubbard was going to answer questions and hear the complaints and concerns of the students. I was told, no problem, it will be in the next paper. It wasn't. Posters, flyers and word of mouth attracted some students, but not nearly enough.

So once again, before the writer of last week's editorial asked, "Where the heck has Student Senate been this whole time?" they should have looked.

Until last week, not one reporter from

the *Northwest Missourian* had been in attendance at a Student Senate meeting to simply inform the students of what is happening and what they can do. Before the *Missourian* complains about our lack of involvement, they need to question their own.

As a journalism major, I was very upset at the blatant falsities and lack of research into last week's editorial.

As your Student Body president, I was offended at the attack on your and my representatives' service to the University. As a Northwest student, I was shocked at the "Where the heck has Student Senate been this whole time?"

If you are interested in personally finding out where your representatives have been, please call the Student Senate office or stop by and ask who your representatives are. The Student Senate meetings have been and always will be open to any and all who wish to come on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the University Club North.

The journalists on the *Missourian* and your student government association are both here to serve you, the students. I hope that the next time a *Missourian* staff writer gets a gripe, they will look for and find the facts before printing a similar editorial.

Michelle Krambeck is the president of Student Senate.

IT'S YOUR TURN

What results would you like to see from the Classic Cable negotiations?



"I'd like to see a reasonable cable rate for a chance. I shut mine off. I'd like the old basic rate of \$7.95 per month."

Chuck Robertson, student



"I'd like to see them leave. There will be times during the month when we wouldn't get our bills and then they would try to charge us for past-due bills."

Tricia Yates, teacher at Horace Mann



"I think it needs to be improved — not the selection of channels but the reception of them."

Randy Gruhn, broadcasting major



"I think it would be nice to have better reception. It seems like you are always in the middle of a television show or a movie and you only get to see a part of it because the cable goes out."

Jodi James, corporate recreation and wellness major



"More for less. More of the product for less cost. Cable is a different thing here. I am from St. Louis and the quality in cable is not here."

Todd Barnett, vocal music major



"Everybody wants more service but they don't want a larger price. Our cable quality is not what it should be — but then again we live a little ways out of town. I could live without the shopping networks, but I really like the new history channel."

Larry Cracraft, Eveready battery employee

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

February 11

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 300 block of North Munn, the driver's side mirror was broken off.

■ A Maryville juvenile reported that his bicycle was taken from the 300 block of East First Street. The bicycle was later recovered and another male juvenile was referred to the juvenile officer.

■ Fire units responded to a fire contained in a tub of a large paper grinder. The fire was the result of a piece of wire jammed in the rotating knives which generated heat from friction. There was no reportable damage to the grinder unit.

February 12

■ Fire units responded to a local business in reference to a smoke investigation. Upon arrival it was discovered that a furnace, which had been turned on for the first time this year, had grease covering elements. The grease started burning causing smoke. No damage or fire was found.

February 13

■ While an officer was on patrol in the 900 block of East First Street, he saw a vehicle strike the curb and then drive in the wrong lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped and while talking with the driver, Shannon M. Lawrence, 20, Maryville, the odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Angela M. Wray, 17, Maryville, was arrested on charges of larceny following an incident at a local business in which six packs of cigarettes were taken without being paid for. Estimated value was \$10.50.

■ Lisa F. Dunning, Maryville, was

westbound on Thompson Street and slid out of control. She struck Jodelle A. Williams, Maryville, who was parked, causing Williams' vehicle to strike Jennifer J. Struble, Maryville, who was also parked. A citation for careless and imprudent driving was issued to Dunning.

■ Charles F. Vaughn, Bolckow, was westbound on South Avenue and pulled into an intersection and stopped. He waited for Janice E. Frampton, Maryville, who was eastbound on South Avenue, to pass through the intersection so he could turn. Jamie L. Lantz, Clarinda, Iowa, was northbound on Main Street and entered the intersection and struck Frampton. The impact caused Frampton to strike Vaughn. A citation for failure to stop at a steady red signal was issued to Lantz. Frampton received evident, not disabling injuries.

February 15

■ A vehicle was backing out of a parking space and struck Richard C. Burchard, Burchard, Neb., who was parked and then left the scene.

February 16

■ Officers responded to the 1200 block of West Sixteenth on a complaint of loud music. Upon arrival, officers observed several people and contact was made with the occupant, Robert K. Brandt, 22, Maryville. Brandt was issued a summons for allowing a peace disturbance on the premises.

■ Gary Smith, Kansas City, was parked when a vehicle struck him and left the scene.

February 17

■ Samuel A. Schafer, Maryville, and Peggy L. Strob, Maryville, were both traveling south on Main Street. Schafer said he looked down to answer his phone and when he looked up he could not avoid striking Strob's vehicle in the rear. A citation for careless and imprudent driving was issued to Schafer.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

February 11

■ A staff member in Phillips Hall reported a window had been broken out.

■ A fire was reported in the pellet plant. No damage was reported.

February 12

■ A report of disorderly conduct was filed when a stink bomb was set off in Phillips Hall.

■ A vehicle was hit in the parking lot behind the Administration Building by another vehicle.

■ A student reported another student for careless and imprudent driving. The dispute was solved at the scene.

February 13

■ A student in Millikan Hall reported that her clothes had been damaged in the dryer.

February 17

■ A VCR was reported stolen from a room in Wells Hall. The incident is under investigation.

■ A vehicle was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.

OBITUARIES

Sally Crocker

Sally Ryan Crocker, 86, Maryville, died Feb. 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Sept. 17, 1910, to John and Ellen Ryan in Neola, Iowa.

Survivors include one son, James; three daughters, Donna Frueh, Mary Rodriguez and Betty Potter; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 15 at St. Gregory's Church in Maryville.

Gladys Wells

Gladys Marie Wells, 90, Maryville, died Feb. 17 at Maryville Health Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 6, 1906, to Charlie and Nellie Ross in Maryville.

Survivors include one son, Ross Jr.; one daughter, Sherry Mustapha; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers; one sister and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 19 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

STEAM PIPES

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Center will be off line for six hours. Tuesday, Feb. 25

Work will begin on the central campus tunnel run from the Administration Building to the Union. The construction will begin near the west wing entrance to the Ad Building and portions of the central campus sidewalk will be blocked off from that entrance to the circle drive of the Union.

Sunday, March 2

Electrical power will be shut down campuswide for approximately one hour at 9 a.m. The shutdown is necessary to prepare for another campuswide shutdown for several

hours during spring break. Sunday morning was selected in order to reduce the impact on campus residents and University activities.

Other related news:

Concrete trucks will soon start utilizing the central campus sidewalk between the Union and Brown Hall to finish the construction on the tunnel runs currently underway. Portions of these sidewalks will remain open and flagmen will be posted in this area to help with pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

The temporary bridge near the Foster Aquatic Center and Martindale Gym will remain up for the next couple of weeks. The bridge will have to be removed before spring break so construction on this tunnel run can be completed. The sidewalk will be closed for up to two days.

WILBURN

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That is, aside from having a cobra in the front yard on the first day and a scorpion on the second day, Wilburn said she is managing the life in Africa pretty well. Well, except for the time she cut her head open on a tin room of a house when she was not paying attention to where she was walking. And when her film and tapes for her camcorder were stolen.

Wilburn is in the small village of Forecariah.

Forecariah is about two hours from Conakry, the capital of Guinea.

Wilburn said the people there are absolutely beautiful. From their braided hair right down to their rough, dust covered feet.

"I have been able to communicate fairly well with many of the women using my French," Wilburn said. "However, their French is different from the French spoken in France. They role their Rs instead of using the nasal sound, and their sentences seem to be shorter, simpler phrases."

The native languages spoken in Forecariah are Susu, Fulani and Krio.

"It is very different here because I have always been used to everybody speaking the same language and if they didn't, well, then it was 'their responsibility' to learn English," Wilburn said.

Wilburn is learning the language of Susu every weekday morning from Mama Aissata. The language is difficult to learn because of the lack of

reading materials.

Wilburn teaches English classes using Laubach material. She teaches a conversation class for those who have completed the English classes but still need practice speaking the language.

Wilburn is receiving credit for three classes this semester while in Africa: Customs and cultures of the francophone world, multiculturalism in education and independent study in linguistics by teaching English as a second language.

Learning that there is more than one way to think, cook, talk and live is just the beginning of the many lessons Wilburn is experiencing. "I could sit in a classroom all day and hear about other cultures, but nothing teaches like the actual experience of being among the people, eating their food, visiting their homes, shopping in their market and everything else. I am experiencing on a daily basis," Wilburn said.

The main goal as a missionary is to live among the Guineans in a way that God's love for them is shown. Wilburn said they do not do this by direct evangelism but by building relationship after relationship. "After a friendship is established, they begin to question why I am here," Wilburn said. "This gives me the perfect opportunity to share with them about my relationship with Jesus, and that I am here because I am doing what I feel he has called me to do for this time in my life."

OATS BUS SCHEDULE

The OATS bus is driven by Sue Neff and John Jones. For information on how to receive transportation call the Senior Center at 562-3999.

The following is a schedule of the OATS bus.

Sue Neff: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday rides are available in Maryville.

Every first and third Wednesday rides from Hopkins and Pickering to Maryville are available.

Every first Tuesday rides from Burlington Junction, Clearmont and Elmo to Shenandoah, Iowa.

Every second Tuesday is

Nodaway County to St. Joseph.

The third Tuesday of every month rides are available from Skidmore and Graham to the Maitland Senior Center.

The fourth Thursday of the month is from Tri C, Barnard and Guilford to Maryville.

John Jones:

The second and fourth Wednesday rides are available from Skidmore and Graham to the Maitland Senior Center and Maryville.

Every second and fourth Friday, rides from Tri C, Ravenwood, Barnard and Guilford are available to Maryville.

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BOARD OF REGENTS

Ceremony marks reopening

by Juliet Martin
Assistant University News Editor

The outside of Northwest's Administration Building hasn't changed, but the inside has an entirely different look.

The new look on the second and third floors was presented to the campus and community at the reopening ceremonies Monday.

The ceremony featured remarks by University President Dean Hubbard and Board of Regents President Danny Marsh, along with a ribbon cutting by members of the Board of Regents.

The building renovations, conducted by Northwest's construction management and architectural firms CPMI and Gould Evans Goodman, have been ongoing for over a year and the project is not completely finished.

Some minor work remains before offices can move to the new floors which should be finished before the end of April.

Robert Sunkel, University construction supervisor, welcomes the changes.

"I think the renovations went wonderfully and am pleased with the amount of space, its quality and aesthetics," Sunkel said.

Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo., and Rep. Rex Barnett, R-Mo., attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Barnett recalled days when the future of the building was in question.

"This University has had a num-



Taylor Barnes and Ray Courter along with several other Northwest administrators and teachers gathered to witness the reopening of Administration Building Monday on the steps leading up to the second floor.

ber of different symbols over the years, but none have been more identifiable than this building," he said. "During the fire of '79 there was some doubt if this building could even be saved and now we have this wonderful renovated structure."

Offices on the second floor will include Financial Assistance, Registrar, Graduate Office, Faculty Senate, Center for Applied Research, International Studies, Community Relations, Public Relations, Publications,

Photography, admission records and the deans of three academic colleges.

The new west wing of the third floor will house Upward Bound, Upward Bound math/science, Student Support Services, Student Athletic Success Program and the Talent Development Center.

As soon as publications and news and public relations have moved upstairs, additional renovations will be made on the first floor to make space for Career Services.

MEETING

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"Students will have a high access computing model for the next generation and graphic market," Rickman said. "Faculty can expect more because they will know that students can get to the resources."

In a recent VAX survey 79 percent of voting students favored the upgrade.

"It's also a great solution for off-campus students at a very reasonable price," Rickman said.

The EC+ system will not be abandoned

"We have two different concepts racing here," Danny Marsh, board member, said. "EC+ is ahead now, but EC97 may pass it for a while. The goal is our mission enhancement."

The Board had received a letter from the EC+ Student Organization voicing their concerns.

The letter said students who purchased notebook computers felt like guinea pigs and that quality was sacrificed to be first, according to Devin Warrington, secretary. It also outlined the commitment to students and faculty and asked the University to live up to the commitment.

"We want them to continue enrollment in the program and expand it into upper-level courses," Warrington said.

Scholarship program approved

In other meeting business, a \$4.5 million scholarship program was approved for the 1997-98 academic year. The plan is for \$4,509,705, and

increase of \$297,265 over this year's program.

"(Some of the money will fund) the renewal part of the programs we started the last two years, such as Regents Awards and the Iowa Tuition Grant," Del Morley, director of financial assistance, said. "It will also help fund the Midwest Student Exchange program, because we have more people coming in all the time and it grows every year."

Various achievement scholarships represent \$1.67 million of the total program. Achievement scholarships include Regents Awards, Transfer Regents Awards, University Scholars, Presidential Scholars, Minority Awards, and academic department scholarships.

Institutional grants make up the rest of the scholarship plan. They include institutional grants (\$145,000); other scholarships and fee waivers (\$297,000); work components (\$64,350); designated scholarships including athletic and service/activity (\$906,260); and auxiliary enterprises awards including residence hall assistants (\$306,510).

Two contracts passed

Contracts for two construction projects were voted on.

The Regents approved a \$548,058 contract with Modlin-Hicks Inc., of St. Joseph for a new Student Health Center on the northwest corner of campus.

The facility, constructed near the new intercollegiate softball field, will replace the current space used by the Office of Health Services in Cooper Hall, a residence hall.

The current building does not meet ADA requirements; has inadequate space; and is located in a residence hall which creates unique privacy issues. The number of clientele is also growing.

The second contract is with Elliott Drywall & Asbestos, Inc., of Kansas City for \$155,100 for the asbestos abatement for the chiller plant and distribution system.

Work will include asbestos abatement of thermal pipe insulation acoustic ceiling spray-on, and contaminated soil. Demolition of mechanical room equipment, and all associated pipes, valves, motors and ductwork is also part of the contract.

Food and maintenance contracts continued

In other business, the Board approved the hiring of firms for the food management services and the management services for custodial and maintenance.

Agreements with the University and ARAMARK Corporation for food services and ServiceMaster Education Management Services for the management services for custodial, maintenance, construction and ground support. The two firms currently serve in the same capacity at Northwest.

Regents acted on a recommendations from the University's evaluation committee chaired by Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

The committee made its recommendations based on comparisons of written proposals, site visits, telephone contacts, and formal presentations.

Science Olympiad attracts area students

by Stephanie Zellstra
Missourian Staff

Science mania hit Northwest last Saturday as regional students in grades six through nine participated in the Junior High School Science Olympiad.

The students variety of sciences in 18 events. The events ranged from aerodynamics where the students are judged on building an airplane out of certain materials and measuring the distance it travels to tree-mendous where students are judged on their knowledge of trees.

The students spend a lot of time preparing for these events. Many outside class hours are spent studying and helping others with the events.

Abby Howell, an eighth-grader at St. Gregory's, participated in the egg drop and tree-mendous events. She visited the site of the event on campus and practiced a few times.

For tree-mendous, she has spent a lot of time at the library the past few months reading and studying about trees.

Although Howell was an alternate last year, she still had a lot of fun.

"I think it is a lot of fun to see all of the real labs and equipment on campus," Howell said.

The adviser of the 15-member team from St. Gregory's is Shelly Green. She has spent a lot of outside classtime getting the students ready.

Green put together a mock trial event and tryouts where they do the event like it's the Olympiad.

A lot of support from other faculty has helped Green.

"I feel the students learn a lot because the Olympiad is fairly advanced," Green said. "It

WINNERS

Local winners include:

Fossils - first place: Ben Seipel and Aaron Welch

Egg Drop - fifth place, Abby Howell and Heather Robertson;

Tower Building - third place Dana Lade and Emily Townsend.

The overall team results: first place, Plattsburg; Second place, Gallatin; Third Place, Lathrop.

should challenge the students, but not be so advanced that the students don't understand the material."

Northwest students play an important part in the Science Olympiad. Members of Tri-Beta, 102 River Club and S.A.A.C.S. all help judge events and arrange competitions for the Olympiad.

Karen Schaffer, associate professor of biological science and coordinator of the Olympiad, said the events can be fairly tough and hopes it gives the students hands-on experience with science.

Schaffer started preparing in September by signing up for the rooms she will need. Then she started to get faculty to volunteer and judge the events.

The students were judged that day and the winners were announced. The top three winners of the events receive medals.

The top three Olympiad winners overall advance to state competition which is at the University of Missouri-Columbia in April.



Emily Townsend and Dana Lade put the final cup of sand during Saturday's Science Olympiad. The two girls from St. Gregory's elementary school won third place in the tower building competition with tower efficiency of 3,437.81.

Who's Who honors students

by Monica Smith
Missourian Staff

Most college students are never lucky enough to be recognized nationally, but 34 Northwest students are making their names known.

Juniors and seniors with a GPA of at least 2.75 and involvement in activities and leadership positions will be honored by Who's Who and Student Senate.

A reception for all honored students sponsored by Senate will be at 6 p.m., Feb. 26 in the Union Ballroom.

"Who's Who is designed to further the aims of higher education by rewarding and recognizing individual academic excellence and extracurricular involvement on a national level," said Erica Marshall.

Who's Who selects extraordinary students for the honor each year. These students and their accomplishments are published in a hardbound book which showcases the recipient's profile.

Students become candidates for this honor in two ways. They could apply for the honor or be nominated by faculty members.

"We sent letters out to all of the faculty asking them to nominate deserving students," Marshall said. "It is an honor to nationally represent Northwest."

A Senate committee sent applications to all of the students that were nominated.

Public relations major Neil Neumeyer was nominated by speech professor Robert Bohlken who wrote the letter of recommendation for Neumeyer.

"It is neat to be a part of a national honor such as Who's Who,"

HONOREES

Emilie Allen, Jennie Barnes, Ryan Blum, Megan Boddicker, Deborah Brannen, Toby Cannon, Deborah Douthat, Bobbi Dowell, Cori Elfrits, Melissa Fletchall, Kevin Johnson, Teresa Ganger, Christopher Goll, Michelle Heck, Joseph Koeberl, Ray McCalla, Rebecca Minton, Heather Namanny, Heidi Murry, Neil Neumeyer, Gerald Nevins, Lora Ogden, Christina Pallas, Rebekah Pinick, Karen Raniere, Lisa Sanders, Carrie Sindelar, Michelle Suthers, Mary Talbot, LeeAnn Vetter, Jayme Warren, Kristina Wilburn, Amy Willers, Stacia Worley.

Neumeyer said. "There have been so many successful and well-known people who have been honored by Who's Who and it is exciting to be in their company."

Senate planned the reception to honor students and making the award well-known. The reception will award the honored students with certificates from Who's Who and Senate.

"I think it is a great recognition for juniors and seniors," Denise Way, psychology and sociology major, said. "It is a great opportunity to be recognized by an organization outside campus. We have had a reception in the past, but we wanted to make this year more well-known. We wanted the students to feel it was special and an honor."

Neumeyer said he was pleased to be included with Northwest's best students.

"I am very happy Student Senate is going to this effort to sponsor and provide the reception," he said.

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Cupid strikes

Ahh Valentine's day. Many take this holiday to send flowers, candy and spend time with loved ones.

But not me. No, this auspicious reporter took this holiday as a chance to see what happens behind the scenes.

Around 2 p.m. Friday, a photographer named Chad and I headed to Easters Food's. We arrived to see a desolate supermarket except for the hustle in the floral department.

The line reminded me of people who wait overnight for tickets to a concert. People were standing around waiting for the next person to get done. The only difference was the line was all male.

So Chad and I went up to the offices to wait for the flower delivery boy to come back from his last delivery. After about 15 minutes, our wait was over.

We walked through the store to the back loading door only to find hundreds of flowers cluttering the back room. Scott, the delivery boy, Chad and myself picked up as many flowers as we could hold and walked to the van.

There were no chairs in the van so Chad grabbed the front seat and I squatted in the back amongst a jungle of flowers. I used the time traveling to our first delivery to get a little background information on the driver. Scott Meyers, is a senior at Maryville R-II and is involved in the Co-op work program. The program allows him to start work at noon and he works about 15 hours a week at the Student Body, as for Valentine's Day, Cupid has been working on

Scott. He said he gave his sweetheart a teddy bear and she loved it.

Anyway back to Scott. He enjoys delivering flowers, because he likes to see the look on people's face when he hands

over the flowers but really likes not being cramped in a store all day.

"Most people are happy," Scott said. "No one has turned any flowers down — I mostly did this to stop working inside."

One of our first stops was at Scott's school. We walked in right as the Spoofhound cheerleaders were dancing for the pep rally. As we went into the office, we were bombarded with flowers — imagine that.

Anyway, we delivered our balloons and flowers and I, of course, sought out a person to interview. I focused in on a secretary who was obviously upset that more deliveries were being made. She said she couldn't take them and we would have to deliver them tomorrow. I was taken aback, but not Scott. No that little trooper pressed on and somehow managed to get her to accept our delivery.

It seemed the school received over 100 deliveries. Their policy for Valentine's Day is all the flowers stay in the office until 3 p.m. When we strolled in around 2:30 p.m., they were not happy.



Chad Sykens/Missourian Staff

Chief Reporter Jacob DiPietre gives flowers and balloons to Jennifer Blessington on Valentine's Day. DiPietre road along with Easters Food's employee Scott Meyers for an hour while he played cupid to area sweethearts.

The secretary I spoke with, who wished to remain anonymous because of shyness, said the school faces this dilemma yearly.

"This happens every year," the secretary said. "We wait until seventh hour and then all the girls come in and get their flowers."

As the day continued we delivered to many houses. Everyone was happy to see us and a little camera shy. However, Jennifer Blessington, Maryville, said

Valentine's Day is not as enjoyable without that special someone.

"Lots of people are calling it 'Black Friday,'" Blessington said. "It is a lot better if you have someone; I have been on the other side and it is bad."

Well, that was our last delivery. And as our trip ended I felt a mix of emotions. On one hand I was happy it was over and on the other I pitied poor Scott for having to go back out there.

School Board declares surplus

Members agree to sell 40 acres near campus, will set price March 5

Chera Prideaux

Assistant Community News Editor

The Maryville School Board has declared the district's 40-acre land plot located west of campus as surplus land with the intent to set a base bid price at a meeting March 5.

The unanimous decision came after a proposal was approved for a 30-plus acres contract with South Hills Investment Company.

The School Board also discussed the upcoming sale of the Building Trades House.

The house is located at 719 S. Alco Ave. The Board said the house was surplus property and will be accepting sealed bids to be opened March 19 at the meeting.

A plan for an alternative educational service building was discussed due to an evident local need. The building would be a youth center that could be used by the school, community and local surrounding communities. The Board agreed to support the progression of this plan.

The renewal of the administrators' contracts were approved and Debbie Blanchard's letter of resignation as middle school science teacher was accepted.

Debbie Maxwell will be the temporary replacement for Virginia Keever as middle school custodian. Keever is currently off duty due to a broken ankle.

Two students made a presentation to the members of the board. The students spoke of the Life's Walk Program which raises awareness of teen pregnancy issues.

The students demonstrated "Baby Think It Over Dolls" and described their experiences.



Professional mascot performs at local middle school

Kansas City man loves job, performing during games, interacting with fans as wolf

by Ruby Dittmer

Community News Editor

For seven years he has been entertaining Kansas City Chiefs fans with his skits, from running out onto the field and doing belly flops, to riding his three-wheeler and almost missing photographers.

Dan Meers says he has one of the best jobs in the world — portraying the football team's mascot K.C. Wolf.

"I love what I do," Meers said. "This is what I was supposed to do. God has blessed me."

Meers visited Washington Middle School Tuesday for an assembly. Two students, Elizabeth Baker and Joshua Sego, fifth graders were winners in the K.C. Chiefs contest "Drinking Milk Makes Good Sense (Scents)!" Katie Wood, a Horace Mann fifth grader, received honorable mention.

The contest was sponsored by the Midland Dairy Council. Each winner student won a school assembly by K.C. Wolf who discussed drinking milk and eating a healthy diet with the students.

Meers began his career in college while studying broadcast journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He read an article announcing tryouts for the Missouri Tiger, and since he had always been active in sports, he attended the session and earned the position.



Christina Kettler/Chief Photographer

K.C. Wolf, Dan Meers, dresses up Joshua Sego in his mascot uniform. Sego was one of the fifth-graders who won the Chiefs Drinking Milk Makes Good Sense (scents) contest.

For four years, he performed as Truman the Tiger and after graduation was offered a job with the St. Louis Cardinals portraying Fred Bird. Meers had to be careful when he bent over to hug the children because the previous mascot and costume were shorter.

After being approached by the Chiefs he accepted the position because football is during the cooler weather and there are fewer home games.

"I get paid to act goofy, I get to go to work in a suit and tail, I get to know all the football players and I get to hug cheerleaders," Meers said.

However, being a mascot is not all fun and games. The costume weighs 35 pounds and the temperature inside the suit is normally 20 to 30 degrees warmer than the temperature outside.

This requires Meers to keep his body in good shape and he usually works out three to four times per week. When he gets to the gym he rides a stationary bicycle 22 miles and usually lifts weights for 25 minutes.

It also helps him keep his strength that his skit is early in the game.

"I'm glad I don't have to do it in the fourth quarter," Meers said. "We mascots don't like overtime, they wear you out."

The costume itself is designed with hoola hoops that allow K.C. Wolf to shake his 85-inch hips and dance. His shoes are 24 inches in length. The head of the costume is designed so that Meers can see out of the neck and if he's ever scratching his neck, it is because he cannot see.

Meers has never lost his tail, but he did lose his head one time.

Meers planned a special skit for the first night game of the season, when the Chiefs were playing the Seattle Seahawks. K.C. Wolf was going to parachute into Arrowhead Stadium. Meers himself was not actually going to be the one parachuting, but instead, a Navy man from California who had jumped several times.

"The trouble occurred when he practiced it on Thursday afternoon," Meers said. "He jumped out of the airplane and K.C. Wolf's head flew off and so he landed but we didn't know where the wolf head was. The next day when I got to work a little girl had called up and said she had found the wolf head in a tree in her backyard."

Meers said he got the wolf head back, but it had to be repaired.

Even though he has been performing for seven years, he said he still gets nervous before running out into the stadium and he is usually sore on the day following a performance.

"Sunday it doesn't hurt to do all those belly flops," Meers said. "It

hurts a lot more on Monday morning, but I haven't broken a bone yet."

During the off season, Meers visits many schools promoting drinking milk and eating a healthy diet.

He also does promotions with car dealerships, grocery stores and makes special appearances at events across the nation.

Meers is married and has a 10-1/2 month-old daughter, Mycah.

He met his wife Cameron while doing a performance for a Christian organization, where she was a counselor.

Meers enjoys his livelihood and the interaction with the fans.

"If you don't mind sweating and smelling it's a lot of fun," Meers said.



Christina Kettler/Chief Photographer

Dan Meers teaches the basic food groups to Washington Middle School Students through a rhyming game during an assembly Tuesday morning. Meers also spoke of eating a healthy diet.

IN BRIEF

Healthy Communities participates in project

Healthy Communities for the Midwestern Four Corners, a program sponsored by the Heartland Health Foundation and Northwest's Institute for Quality Productivity, was selected as one of six communities to participate in The Healthcare Forum's Accelerating Community Transformation Project.

The project focuses on discovering the most effective strategies for improving the overall wellness of communities.

Team leaders will gather and develop the strategies and implement them into the community.

The project is funded by Astra Merck Inc. and is a collaborative effort between the Florida Hospital, the Walt Disney Co. and The Healthcare Forum.

Bob Bush, vice president for Regional Initiatives Institute for Quality Productivity, said healthy communities is not only about the actual health of the community.

"Health is only one small part," Bush said. "The quality of the government, services offered, the environment, job opportunities, education and safety are all a part of the total health of a community."

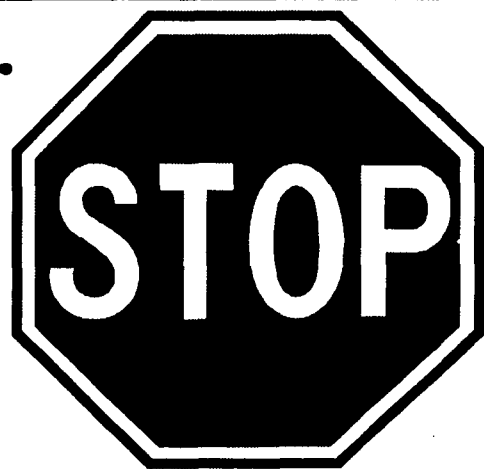
Team leaders will identify strategies that will accomplish a healthy community.

"It's communities taking control of their community," Bush said. "The industrial age removed ownership from the communities and this is a process of bringing ownership back."

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UPSET! 'Cats knock off No. 15 Ichabods

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

Five senior starters played their final home game in Bearcat Arena and led the 'Cats past Washburn University 82-60.

Northwest improved to 11-14 overall (8-9 MIAA) while knocking the Ichabods their eighth loss against 20 victories.

Pressure on the defensive side of the ball turned into points on the offensive end for the Bearcats.

"We didn't give them anything easy," junior forward Brian Burleson said. "Our defense was tenacious. Anything they had, we took away."

Prior to the game, the Washburn players tried to showcase their talents to the Northwest crowd with a dunk contest.

The Ichabods learned an important lesson: Do not mess with an angry Bearcat.

"Washburn was trying to get our crowd hyped up," Burleson said. "I didn't like that."

Early in the first half, the seniors played inspired basketball. The 'Cats kept Washburn scoreless for the first four minutes of the game and sprinted out to a 32-24 lead at the half.

With 13:45 left in the game, Northwest led 44-34 and continued to pound the ball inside, scoring most of their points in the paint.

Senior guard Silas Williams

knocked down a three-pointer and during the timeout that followed, the Washburn bench was given a technical foul. It was as close as the Ichabods could get to the rest of the game.

Williams hit both free throws and senior forward Tim Glosten made a jumper after the ball was awarded to Northwest. The 'Cats led 51-34 and the technical helped account for a seven-point swing.

The Bearcats' lead was never challenged as they beat the Ichabods 82-60.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer was proud of his team's 40-minute effort. "This is the best intensity we've played with all year," Tappmeyer said. "When we went to our bench we didn't fall off."

The intensity the seniors established early on helped the 'Cats down the stretch, Tappmeyer said. "I think (the seniors) did an excellent job," Tappmeyer said. "The intensity they started the game with was what we were able to carry throughout the whole game. Hopefully they will remember the last game they had in Bearcat Arena."

Northwest had five players reach double-figures. Burleson led the way with 15 points. Williams added 13 points and senior forward Tim Glosten chipped in with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Williams said this win can set the

tone for the 'Cats heading into conference tournament time.

"Now we know we can play at this level," Williams said. "If we play like this in the playoffs, there is not anybody who is going to beat us. We can go toe-to-toe with anybody."

The Bearcats' next game will be against Missouri Western at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph.

Central 87 Northwest 74

The Bearcats found holding onto the basketball is more difficult than it seems.

The 'Cats committed 26 turnovers in last Saturday's 87-74 defeat to Central Missouri State University.

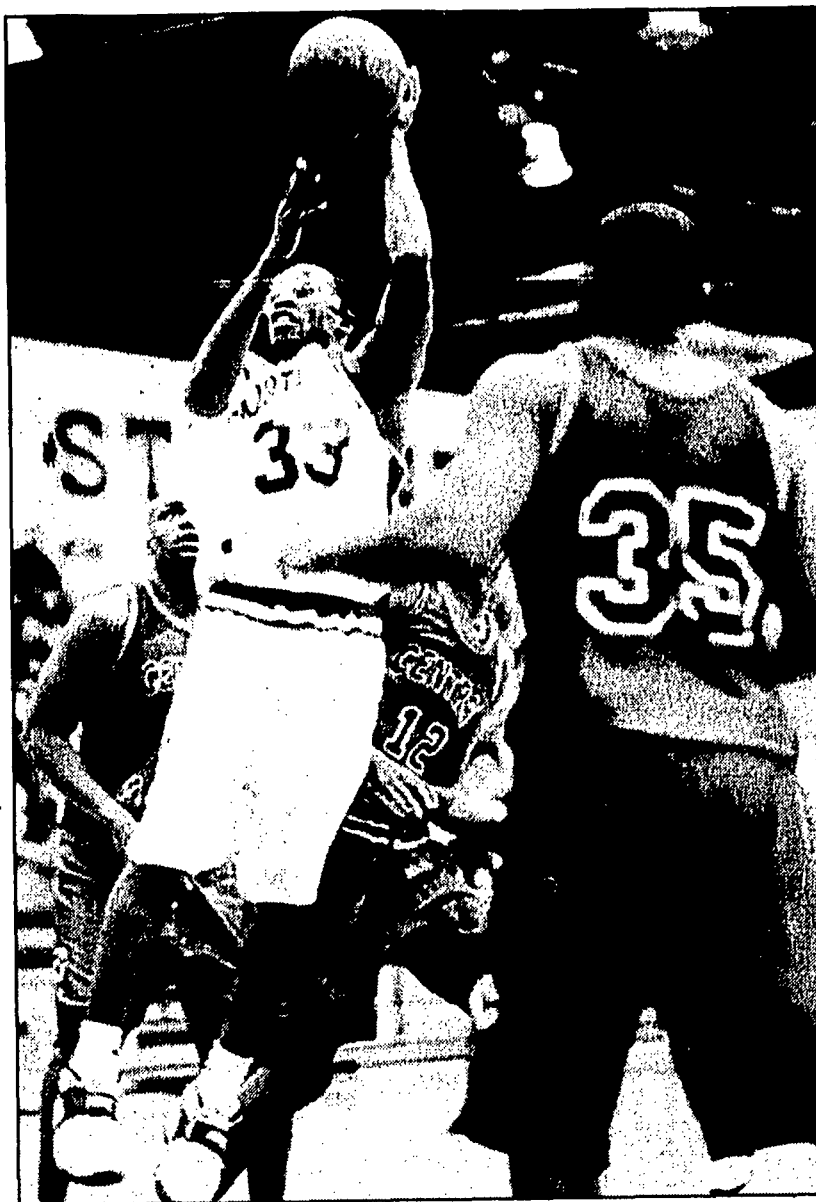
Williams said the 'Cats just could not get the job done against the Mules.

"It was probably one of our worst games," Williams said. "I think we were playing tentative for whatever reason."

Williams said the Bearcats had some opportunities to close the gap on the Mules in the second half, but something would always end up taking away their momentum.

"We kept shooting ourselves in the foot in the second half," Williams said. "We would start to make a run and something would go wrong."

Burleson earned a double-double, draining 22 points and capturing 10 rebounds. Senior center Johnnie Williams added 13 points.



Senior forward Tim Glosten takes it up for two points in Northwest's loss to Central Missouri State University, Saturday. Glosten finished his home career for the Bearcats Wednesday night with an 82-60 win over Washburn.

Missouri fans are stubborn as KU rolls on



Thank goodness March Madness is almost here. Because while Kansas is making travel plans for the tourney, Mizzou and their fans will be getting an early start for next year's team and studying for mid-terms at home watching the best 64 teams in the country play.

But hey, MU beat KU. That's pretty much the way most MU fans, who are friends of mine, reacted after I got some revenge when KU topped MU on Monday night.

After the first loss, I couldn't get a word in edgewise on any MU fan because their only response was "MU beat KU."

True, but one win does not a season make? Now does it. Even if KU continues their winning ways all the way through the rest of the season making it one of the best seasons of KU basketball, all of us KU fanatics will still have to put up with all you MU folks saying "We beat KU."

Go ahead, I can take it. I can ignore people with the best of them.

Finally, Texas Tech running back Bryon Hanspard flunked all of his classes last semester. This made his choice to enter the upcoming NFL draft easier since school wasn't an option anymore.

Kind of makes one thankful to deal with the true student-athletes that bleed Northwest green on and off of the field. These athletes give the Student Success Program every bit of recognition it deserves and even that is not enough.

Gene Cassell is the photography director for the Northwest Missourian.

Women suffer defeat at home; still manage to make postseason

by Brian Brozyna
Missourian Staff

The women's basketball team trailed the Washburn University Lady Blues by 21 in the second half and got as close as five but couldn't get over the hump Wednesday.

The Bearcats fell to the Lady Blues, 80-72, and dropped to 12-13 (8-9 MIAA). Northwest led by 10 with 7:30 left in the first half, but Washburn outscored them 20-1 in the rest of the half.

Wayne Winstead, head women's basketball coach, said the team de-

served credit for battling back.

"I don't think we played all that bad," Winstead said. "You definitely have to say they played well."

Senior forwards Sandi Ickes and Kristin Folk played in their final home game for the 'Cats.

"It was a good comeback," Folk said. "Everything went well, we just let up (in the first half)."

Ickes said the team continued to play hard despite trailing.

"We didn't give up," Ickes said. "We had to keep going hard and not let up even for a little bit."

Winstead shared words with the team at halftime after Washburn took its lead.

"I climbed all over them," Winstead said. "It was ridiculous for an experienced ballclub like ours to lose our concentration."

Junior guard Pam Cummings dished out 16 assists in moving to second on the school's all-time career assists list. She now trails only her sister, Sandy, in the Northwest record book. Cummings added 11 points.

The Lady Blues shot 60 percent from the field for the game compared with 39 percent for the Bearcats.

Northwest will close out the regular season at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday at Missouri Western State College. The 'Cats dropped a one-point decision to the Lady Griffons Jan. 29.

Central 70 Northwest 68 (OT)

The 'Cats tied the score with un-

der a minute to play in regulation before dropping a 70-68 decision in overtime Saturday to the Central Missouri State University Jennies.

Despite the loss, Northwest clinched an MIAA playoff berth.

Winstead said the defense played a good game.

"The defensive intensity was real good," Winstead said. "I have no qualms about how hard we played."

Feaker, one of three players who scored in double figures for the Bearcats, said the team played its best.

"We gave it 100 percent," Feaker said. "It just didn't come out the way we wanted it to at the end."

Feaker said the team came together to tie the game in the second half.

"As a team, we dug down and looked to pass inside and look for the outside shot," Feaker said.

Winstead said he would have liked to see more patience on offense.

"We had a couple of lulls offensively," Winstead said. "We need to be taking the time to take the best possible shot."

As a team, Northwest shot 42 percent, won the edge on the boards, 43-37, and were better at the free throw line.

The MIAA postseason tournament begins Tuesday.

Indoor track teams take aim at crown

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

The last steps of preparation were taken Friday as the indoor track teams competed in their last meet of the season before the MIAA championships, as the squads split and went to both the Nebraska Open and the Pittsburg State Invitational.

Sophomore Jacshelle Sasser finished on top for the Bearcats taking first in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump at Nebraska.

Sasser is also the MIAA field athlete of the week.

Senior Renata Eustice snagged a first and set the arena record in the 3,000-meter run at the Pitt State.

At Nebraska, junior Julie Humphreys broke the school record again and had her season-best throw, placing her second in the weight throw and junior Carrie Sindelar earned a second place finish in the 800-meter run.

Junior Leslie Dickherber placed fourth in the shotput. Junior Sarah Kriz took fourth at Pitt State in the weight throw and provisionally qualified in the process.

The women have practiced and competed all season in lieu of their pinnacle performance of the year, the conference meet which will take place Friday and Saturday in Warrensburg, women's head coach Ron DeShon said.

"For three years we've recruited

and worked hard for this," DeShon said. "We just have to make sure this one (championship) doesn't get away from us."

Sasser put this weekend in a little different perspective.

"We have a whole lot of good talent, both from those who have been around and the incoming freshmen," Sasser said. "We just have to put our all and all into it. That's all it's going to take."

"I think the Northwest women can come out No. 1. We have talent on paper, physically and mentally. We just have to get out and use it."

The men's indoor track team found what it was looking for Friday at Nebraska and Pitt State — improvement.

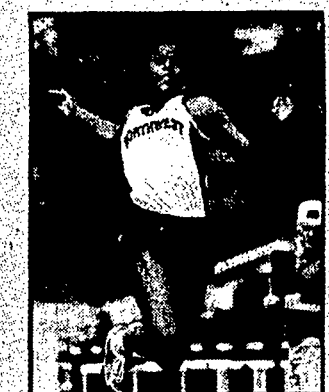
Junior Chad Sutton was the top finisher for the team at Nebraska, taking second in the high jump with a jump of 6' 11", merely an inch and a quarter away from the automatic qualifying height.

Freshman Aaron Becker finished first in the shotput at Pitt State, setting a freshman record.

"As weeks have gone by, we kept getting better and better, our performance is going up," Sutton said. "This week, I hope everybody performs their best (at the MIAA) and we will surprise a few teams. Our goal is to do the best for ourselves and for the team."

The men will also compete Friday and Saturday in Warrensburg.

Northwest Star Athlete



Jacshelle Sasser*
Sophomore

Sasser won the triple jump last weekend in the Nebraska Open with a leap of 38 feet 4 3/4 inches. She also placed fourth in the high jump with a 5' 6" jump. She was an all-American in 1995 in the triple jump.

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Junior guard Pam Cummings reaches out for a rebound in Wednesday's loss to Washburn University.

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'HOUND WRESTLING

Spoofhounds to face off with Missouri's best

Nine wrestlers advance to state finals by placing at least 4th at sectional

by Chris Geinosky

Community Sports Editor

Twelve Maryville wrestlers walked into Platte County High School Saturday trying to earn a berth into the Missouri state wrestling finals, and nine 'Hounds did just that.

Maryville will send more wrestlers to the University of Missouri-Columbia than any other school from the Sectional 4 Tournament, but unfortunately for the Spoofhounds, no wrestlers placed first.

Juniors Mark Anderson, 112 pounds, and Ryan Castillo, 135 pounds, and senior Jeff Beacom, 189 pounds, finished second at the sectional in their respective weight classes.

Third place finishers include

seniors Calvin Mathes, 140 pounds, Wyatt Dunbar, 152 pounds, and Geoff Goudge, 215 pounds, and juniors Jeremy Tobin, 119 pounds, and Jeremy Lliteras, 130 pounds. The lone 'Hound to place fourth was freshman Jeremy Bradshaw, 145 pounds.

Anderson said it is great to be sending so many wrestlers to the state meet.

"I think it is a great accomplishment," Anderson said. "It's unbelievable — I was really impressed with how we wrestled as a team today."

Coach Joe Drake said his team wrestled well, as they have for the majority of the season.

"Overall, we performed real well," Drake said. "I'm not surprised nine qualified for state. The difference this year is that we needed individuals to step up in tournaments, and they've done that all year."

One 'Hound had to battle with adversity all day. Mathes dropped his opening dual to Lathrop High School's Steve Defries in the final seconds and was forced to win his next two matches to advance to state.

Mathes bounced back like an experienced senior should by defeating Zach Viets of Rock Port and Platte County's Drew Peterson in overtime.

Mathes continued to display how much heart and courage he really had in the 140-pound consolation match.

Mathes had the chance to rematch Defries, and he made the most of his opportunity, downing his opponent 13-10 and capturing third.

"I didn't wrestle the best today," Mathes said. "I could have done better, but it meant a lot (to beat Defries the second time)."

Beacom also had an unforgettable day. He breezed into the finals of his weight class and also had the opportunity to rematch an opponent.



Senior Jeff Beacom attempts to lock horns with Stanberry's Nick Elberger in the 189-pound championship dual in sectionals at

Platte County High School Saturday. Even though Beacom pinned Elberger the week before in districts, Beacom lost 6-2 and settled for second.

Chris Geinosky/Community Sports Editor

STATE-BOUND 'HOUNDS

Thursday, Feb. 20-22, at Columbia 1st Round Pairings

- 112 — Anderson vs. Nathan Goetz, Higginsville
- 119 — Tobin vs. Shane Fryer, Owensville
- 130 — Lliteras vs. Kasey Espinosa, Versailles
- 135 — Castillo vs. Tom Waters, Owensville
- 140 — Mathes vs. Sean Leslie, Pleasant Hill
- 145 — Bradshaw vs. Joe Rongey, Trenton
- 152 — Dunbar vs. Mike Patton, Maplewood
- 189 — Beacom vs. Brad Politte, Herculaneum
- 215 — Goudge vs. Austin Watterson, Pleasant Hill

WRESTLING

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Beacom won by a pin in the District 8 final against Stanberry's Nick Elberger, and the two would meet once again in the sectional final.

But finals were a whole different story for Beacom, who lost 6-2, and was forced to settle for second place.

"Obviously, I wanted to place first," Beacom said. "It's disappointing because I didn't wrestle to my ability, and now I just have to go into state finishing second."

The 1A-2A Missouri State Finals began today at the Hearnes Center.

Quarterfinals and wrestlebacks will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, and semifinal duals will begin at 6 p.m.

Third place, fifth place, and championship matches will take place Saturday.

High School's Kasey Espinosa.

Castillo earned the right to wrestle Tom Waters, also from Owensville, and Mathes' wrestled with Pleasant Hill's Sean Leslie.

After placing fourth in sectionals, Bradshaw matched up with Joe Rongey from Trenton High School while Dunbar faced Mike Patton from Maplewood.

Beacom began his finals run against Brad Politte of Herculaneum and Goudge met with Pleasant Hill's Austin Watterson.

In high school wrestling tournaments, wrestlers have the opportunity to place third if an athlete loses during the course of the tournament, but if the wrestler loses in the first round of finals, their trip could be over.

A wrestler can get a second chance if the his first opponent wins his second finals match.

Maryville Star Athlete



Calvin Mathes* Senior

Mathes lost his first match of the day at sectionals Saturday, but he fought back to qualify for state with three consecutive victories, the second of which he had to win in the overtime period.

* chosen by the Missourian sports staff

This week's QUICK PIN

Wyatt Dunbar 40 seconds



A sign showcasing the winner, courtesy of Jack and Julie Castillo, is located in front of Eric Nelson Plumbing on South Highway 71.

Girls prep for district

by Jacob DiPietre
Chief Reporter

It is the highest seed the Maryville girls' basketball team has had in three years going into districts.

The 'Hounds will start district play at 5 p.m. Tuesday against Cameron.

The 'Hounds, who are 1-1 against the Dragons this season, feel their chances are very good for getting past the first round, but they are not underestimating Cameron.

"It's tough playing them on their court," Martin said. "Their crowd is usually pretty into the game. I think we will be OK confidence-wise because we have beaten them on their floor already once this year by one, but it will be a good challenge for us."

If the 'Hounds get past the Dragons, they will go against Savannah for the fourth time this year. Martin said the

'Hounds are looking forward to playing the Savages again.

"I like our chances if we get to that point," Martin said. "Savannah's got to be thinking about us a little bit. Last time we played them I think we proved that it wasn't a fluke when we beat them down there. I think that is probably going to be sticking in their minds."

The 'Hounds are looking at the game against Savannah like they have nothing to lose.

"There won't be any pressure on us," Martin said. "All the pressure will be on them, being the top seed and everything."

The road to districts has not been an easy one for the Spoofhounds. Maryville lost its final three games on its regular season schedule.

Boys' basketball team finishes week 2-1

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

The Maryville boys' basketball team traveled up the road to Iowa Tuesday, where the 'Hounds clawed their way past Red Oak High School in a 62-47 victory.

Prior to the contest, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said Red Oak would give the 'Hounds a good test because of their overall height.

"They have a lot of height," Kuwitzky said. "We will have to try to counter-balance their height with our quickness."

Early in the first quarter, neither team could get the ball rolling in their favor. The 'Hounds trailed 6-4 before the offense began to fire on all cylinders, and Maryville went on a 16-2 run to end the first quarter.

Red Oak gradually closed the gap, and the Spoofhounds' lead was cut to 28-22 by the end of the first half.

Red Oak's comeback went awry in the third quarter as they scored only six points against the tenacious Maryville defense.

Sophomore Ryan Morley led the charge for the 'Hounds, scoring 21 points in the effort. Junior Adam Weldon chipped in 19 points.

Maryville will play its last regular-season game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home against Shenandoah High School.

The district tournament will be in Cameron, and the Spoofhounds are the No. 2 seed.

The 'Hounds will face No. 7 Tarkio Academy at 9 p.m. on Monday.

Maryville 78 Savannah 54

The Spoofhounds rebounded from a heartbreaking loss to Chillicothe by ripping apart the Savannah Savages last Saturday night in a 78-54 victory.

The 'Hounds came out running and pulled ahead 36-23 by the end of the half.

Maryville continued to dominate the floor in the second half, bursting ahead by almost 30 points before winning the game by 24.

Kuwitzky said he was impressed with his team's play, especially following the loss to Chillicothe.

"I was real proud of our team," Kuwitzky said. "We were really sharp. Our kids played great defense, and we executed well on offense."

Junior Tylor Hardy led the Spoofhounds for the second-straight

game, scoring 17 points. Junior Craig Archer and sophomore Ryan Morley each added 10 points.

Chillicothe 50 Maryville 48

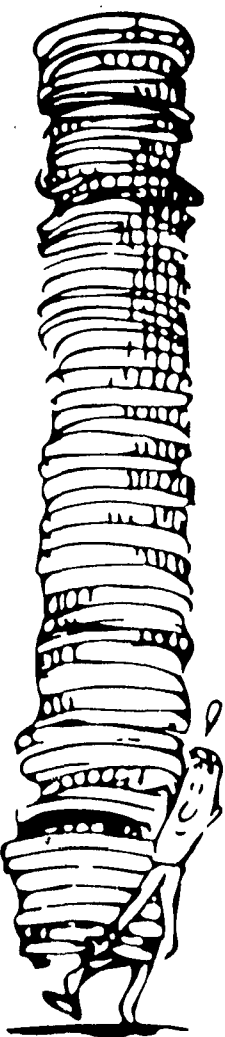
The Spoofhounds battled the Hornets in a rematch of an earlier Maryville loss in Chillicothe.

In one of the most exciting Midland Empire Conference games this year, the Hornets escaped with a two-point win.

Justin Bland, Chillicothe's center, was too much for the 'Hounds to handle. Bland scored the last of his 22 points with just 4.1 seconds left in the game to give Chillicothe a 50-48 lead.

The Spoofhounds failed to attempt another shot and time expired. Hardy led the Maryville attack, scoring 23 points in the effort.

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Men's MIAA Standings

Conference				Overall			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
WU	14	3	.824	20	8	.714	
PSU	13	4	.764	19	6	.760	
MWSC	12	5	.706	18	7	.720	
CMSU	12	6	.667	20	6	.769	
ESU	10	7	.588	15	10	.600	
NWMSU	8	9	.471	11	14	.440	
UMR	6	11	.353	14	11	.560	
TSU	6	11	.353	10	15	.400	
MSSC	6	11	.353	9	16	.360	
SBU	4	13	.236	9	14	.391	
LU	3	14	.176	5	20	.200	

Women's MIAA Standings

Conference				Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
MWSC	14	3	.824	20	5	.800
CMSU	13	5	.722	19	7	.731
WU	12	5	.706	19	6	.760
PSU	11	6	.647	18	7	.720
ESU	10	7	.588	17	8	.680
SBU	10	7	.588	16	9	.640
NWMSU	8	9	.471	12	13	.480
MSSC	7	10	.412	12	13	.480
TSU	5	12	.294	9	16	.360
UMR	4	13	.235	8	17	.320
LU	0	17	.000	4	20	.167

Northwest Women

Feb. 19
Washburn at Northwest
at Bearcat Arena
Washburn (80)
Lohse 4-6 0-0 8, Olerding 10-17 5-5 27,
Shopper 8-14 2-4 18, Angel 0-0 1-2 1, Weve
8-12 5-7 21, Dalinghaus 1-1 0-0 2, Mohler
1-2 0-0 3, Wedel 0-1 0-0. Totals 32-53 13-
18 80.

Northwest (72)
Folk 5-14 4-6 15, Ickes 3-6 1-2 7, Coy 1-
4 3-4 5, Feaker 5-14 2-2 14, Cummings 4-7
1-2 11, Bohnsack 2-15 0-4, Edwards 0-2
0-0, Sump 7-9 0-0 14, Mattson 1-1 0-0 2.
Totals 28-72 11-16 72.
Halftime — Washburn 43 Northwest 32.
Three-point field goals — NW (Cummings
2, Feaker 2, Folk), WU (Olerding 2,
Mohler). Fouled out — Cummings, Folk. Re-
bounds — NW 37 (Folk 9), WU 34
(Olerding 11). Assists — NW (Cummings
16), WU (Olerding 5). Total fouls — NW
22, PSU 13. Technicals — None.

Feb. 15
Central Missouri at Northwest
Central Missouri (70)
Albert 9-21 3-5 22, Lacey 6-12 1-4 13,
Allen 2-5 0-0 4, Pottet 0-1 0-0, Burkholder
8-17 2-3 23, Dixon 0-1 1-2, Nelson 0-3 0-
2 0, Beckley 1-1 1-2 3, Smith 1-2 2-3 4.
Totals 27-62 10-21 70.

Northwest (68)
Folk 5-12 6-3 17, Bohnsack 7-13 5-6 19,
Coy 1-5 2-2 4, Feaker 5-10 1-3 14,
Cummings 1-9 0-0 3, Ickes 1-3 2-4 4, Sump
2-3 1-2 5, Mattson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-56
17-25 68.
Halftime Central Missouri 27 Northwest
27. Three-point field goals — CMSU
(Burkholder 5, Albert), NW (Feaker 3, Folk,
Cummings). Fouled out — Feaker, Beckley.
Rebounds — CMSU 37 (Lacey 9), NW 43
(Folk 8). Assists — CMSU (Pottet 3), NW
(Cummings 7). Total Fouls — CMSU 16,
NW 22. Technicals — None.

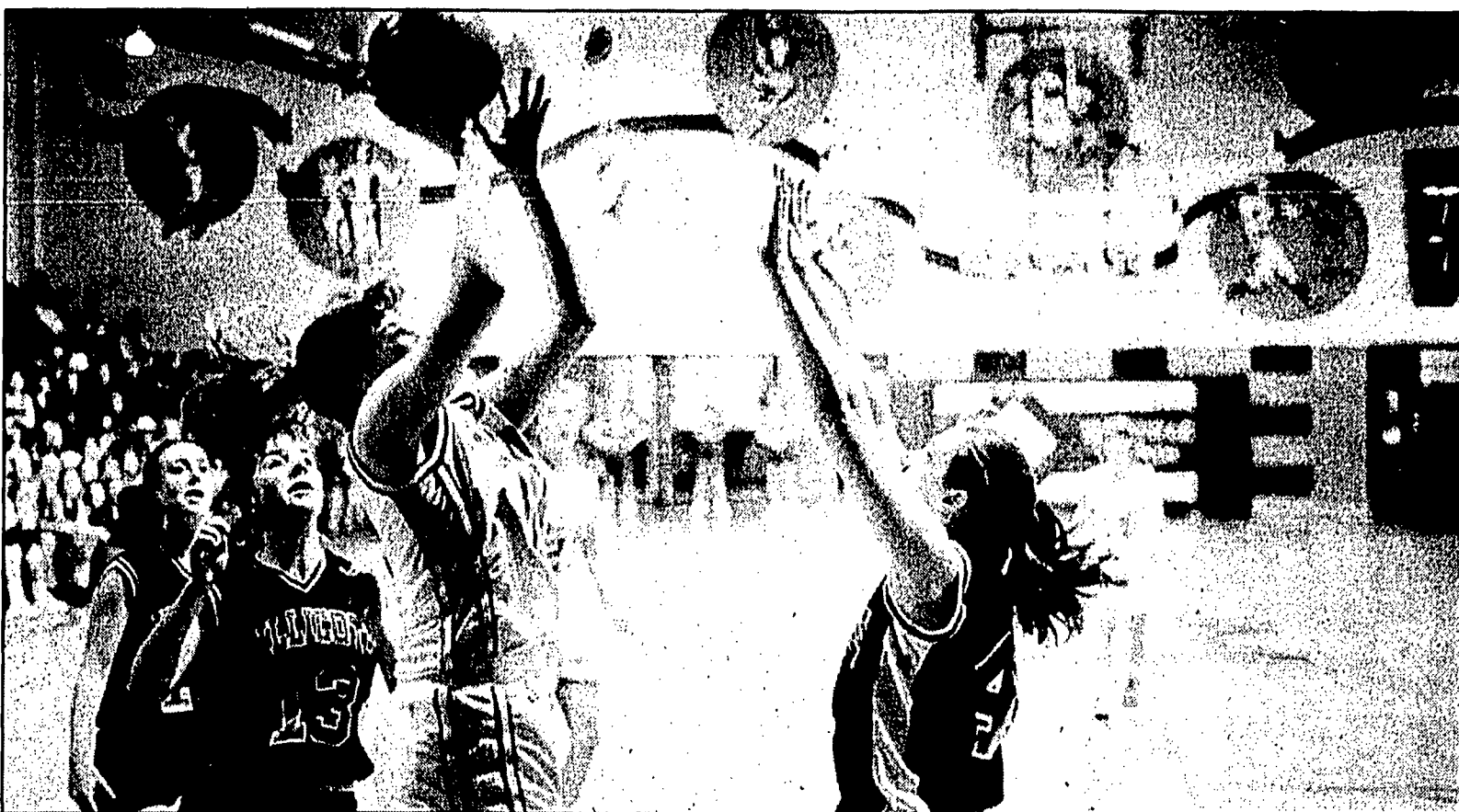
Northwest Men

Feb. 19
Washburn vs. Northwest
at Bearcat Arena
Washburn (60)
Bule 7-12 16-22 30, Sweet 2-12 0-0 5,
Schuler 1-1 0-0 2, Canfield 1-5 2-2 5, Staats
3-10 0-0 9, Boswell 0-2 0-0 0, Krueger 1-3
0-0 3, Jones 0-0 2-3 2, Pollard 1-2 2-4 4.
Totals 16-47 22-31 60.

Northwest (82)
Alford 1-6 1-4 3, Glosten 6-12 0-2 12,
Jo, Williams 3-10 2-2 8, Alexander 1-6 3-3
5, Si, Williams 2-8 10 13, Sh. Williams 0-
1 1-4 1, Simpson 3-5 3-5 10, Wels 2-6 5-6
10, Burleson 7-8 1-1 15, Redd 2-4 0-0 5.
Totals 27-61 24-37 82.
Halftime Northwest 32 Washburn 24.
Three-point field goals — WU (Staats 3,
Sweet, Krueger), NW (Si, Williams,
Simpson, Wels, Redd). Rebounds — WU
34 (Bule 12), NW 43 (Glosten 9). Assists
— WU 12 (Canfield 7), NW 21 (Alexander
9). Technicals — Washburn (team/bench).

Feb. 15
Central Missouri at Northwest
Central Missouri (87)
Crittenden 0-6 2-2 2, Turner 5-9 3-8 16,
Grimes 0-1 4-6 4, Lison 7-13 7-8 24,
Latimer 0-1 1-2 1, Robinson 1-3 0-2 2,
Glasper 2-3 3-4 8, Rivers 6-15 4-8 20.

Hittin' the baseline J



Rusty McKenzie/Missourian Staff

Senior Charity Small elevates for a jumpshot Friday night in Maryville's loss to the Chillicothe Hornets. The Spoofhounds had

one final chance to brush up for district play Tuesday at Red Oak, Iowa, but lost. Maryville will begin districts in Cameron Monday.

Big 12 Standings

Conference	W	L	Overall	W	L	Overall
SOUTH	12	1	26	1	18	5
Kansas	9	4	18	5	18	5
Iowa St.	9	4	18	7	18	7
Colorado	9	4	18	7	18	7
Nebraska	5	8	14	12	13	13
Missouri	5	8	13	13	9	14
Kansas St.	2	11	9	14	8	15
NORTH	9	4	15	8	15	8
Texas Tech	7	6	15	8	15	8
Oklahoma	7	6	15	8	15	8
Oklahoma St.	6	7	14	11	17	9
Baylor	5	8	17	9	8	15
Texas A&M	2	11	8	15	8	15

Big 12 Schedule

Men's Basketball
Saturday's Schedule
Nebraska @ Iowa St.
Texas @ Texas Tech
Kansas St. @ Kansas
Oklahoma St. @ Oklahoma
Baylor @ Texas A&M
Missouri @ Colorado
Monday's Schedule
Kansas @ Oklahoma
Kansas @ Oklahoma
Tuesday's Schedule
Texas Tech @ Missouri
Wednesday's Schedule
Baylor @ Kansas St.
Colorado @ Iowa St.
Texas A&M @ Texas

Men's Division I AP Poll

	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1. Kansas (68)	25-1	1748	1
2. Minnesota (2)	22-2	1649	3
3. Kentucky	24-3	1622	4
4. Wake Forest	20-3	1512	2
5. Utah	19-3	1447	5
6. Duke	21-5	1438	6
7. Iowa St.	18-4	1264	9
8. Clemson	20-5	1247	7
9. South Carolina	18-6	1129	12
10. New Mexico	20-4	1091	13
11. Cincinnati	19-5	996	8
12. North Carolina	17-6	906	16
13. Arizona	16-6	882	11
14. Maryland	19-6	874	10
15. Louisville	19-5	707	17
16. Xavier	18-4	646	19
17. UCLA	15-7	565	24
18. Michigan	17-7	558	14
19. Villanova	18-7	320	18
20. Stanford	15-6	319	22
21. Colorado	17-7	268	15
22. Charleston	23-2	252	25
23. Illinois	18-7	249	20
24. Indiana	20-7	186	—
25. California	18-6	171	—

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Georgia 119, Texas Tech 97, St. Joseph's 84, Providence 63, Hawaii 58, Tulsa 47, UMass 38, New Orleans 36, Princeton 25, Wisconsin 23, NC-Charlotte 20, Iowa 19, Tulane 12, Texas 11, USC 10, Pacific 8, Boston College 5, Bowling Green 5, Rhode Island 5, Arkansas 4, Temple 4, Fresno St. 3, Miami 3, Illinois St. 2, Long Island 1.

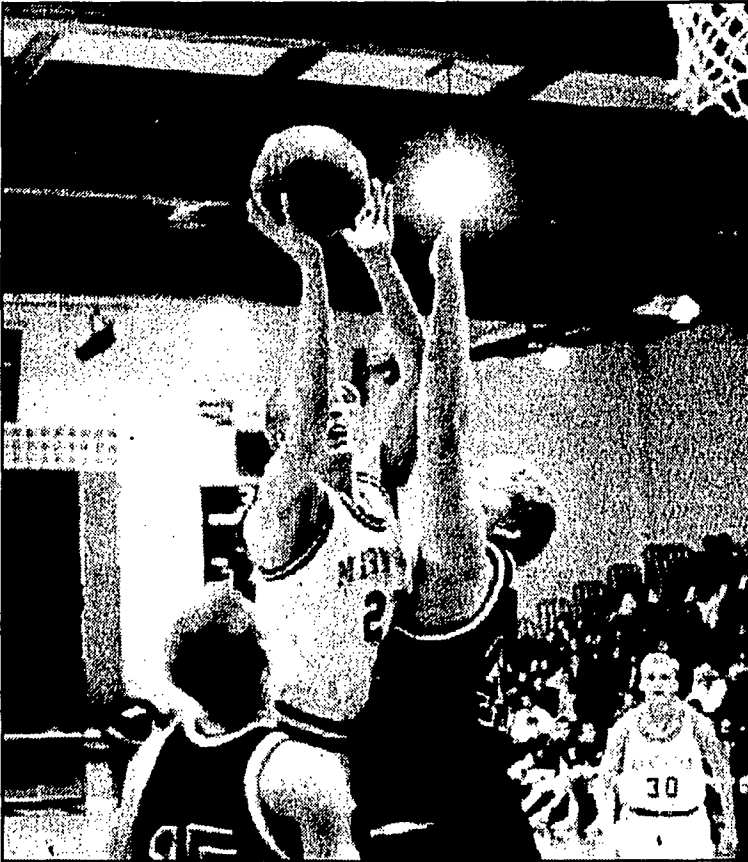
Indoor Track

Northwest

Feb. 15, Women @ Nebraska Open

1st	Jacshelle Sasser	38' 4 3/4"
triple jump	Riddle, Manuel, Koch, Sindelar	4:10.22
4x400 relay team	Julie Humphreys	54' 1 3/4"
weight throw	Carrie Sindelar	2:19.20
800-meter run	Leslie Dickherber	45' 4"
shotput	Heldi Metz	5:07.12
4th	Jacshelle Sasser	5' 6"
high jump	Jennifer Griffen	16' 6"
long jump	Dana Luke	19:22.61
5,000-meter run	Misty Campbell	5' 4"
8th		
high jump		

Goin' to the hole



Jennilior Meyer/Chief Photographer

Junior John Otte goes up and over Chillicothe's Justin Bland. The 'Hounds were defeated by the Hornets Friday night, but Maryville rebounded with victories over Savannah and Red Oak.

MIAA Schedule

Men's Basketball

Saturday's Schedule
PSU @ MSSC, 3:00 p.m.
ESU @ WU, 7:30 p.m.
NWMSU @ MWSC, 7:30 p.m.
TSU @ LU, 7:30 p.m.
SBU @ UMR, 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday's Schedule
1st Round MIAA Championship Tournament

Women's Basketball

Saturday's Schedule
PSU @ MSSC, 1:00 p.m.
ESU @ WU, 5:30 p.m.
NWMSU @ MWSC, 5:30 p.m.
TSU @ LU, 5:30 p.m.
SBU @ UMR, 5:45 p.m.
Monday's Schedule
1st Round MIAA Championship Tournament

Maryville Boys

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Maryville at Red Oak, Iowa
Maryville 62
Red Oak 47

Saturday, Feb. 15
Maryville at Savannah High School
Maryville 78
Savannah 54

Maryville Girls

Tuesday, Feb. 18
Maryville at Red Oak, Iowa
Maryville 36
Red Oak 38

Friday, Feb. 14
Chillicothe High School at Maryville
Chillicothe 63
Maryville 29

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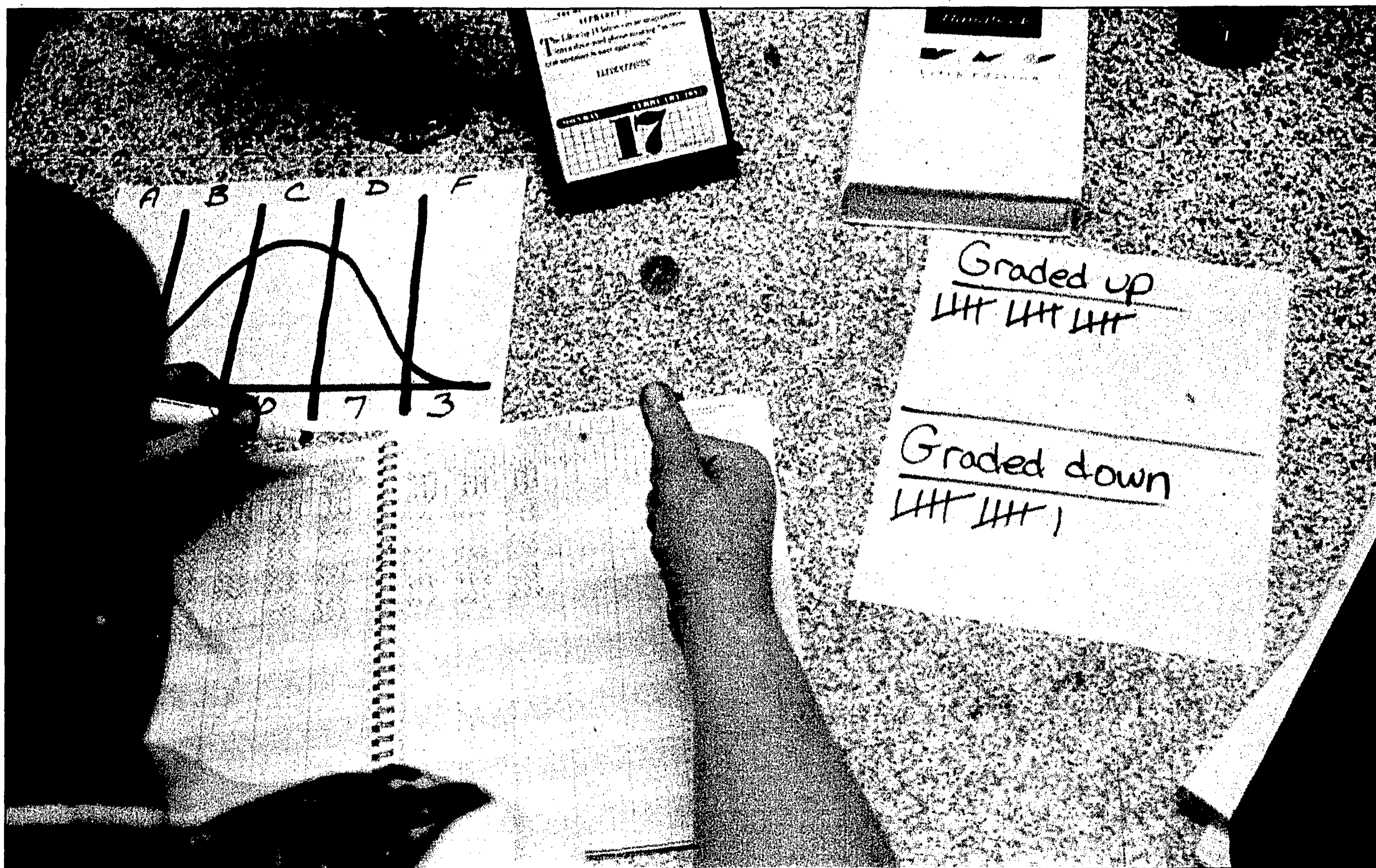


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Is your grade left to chance?

Professors differ on grading

by Adam Buckley
Missourian Staff

Everyone knows that tests are a big part of college life. Not the best part, but necessary.

Did you ever wonder how those tests are graded after you finish taking them?

Most students are in favor of a grading system with a curve set to determine the highest grade in the class. That way, if a student doesn't do well, he or she has some assurance that the grade could still be salvaged.

The most popular way of grading the performance in a class is to assign a certain number of points, computing the total number of points the student makes and then assigning a letter grade from the sought after A to the dreaded F.

Another way, which uses a curve (the most famous being the bell curve), is where most students in the class receive a C, a few less receive B's and D's and a few receive A's and F's.

Depending on the professor, some are in favor of this, while others think it is not this grading system is not always the best.

Fred Lamer, assistant professor of mass communication, does not think a bell curve is beneficial for students.

"The problem I have with a bell curve is that it predestines some people to doing well, and some students to flunk," Lamer said. "Suppose I have an exceptional group of people — why should anybody flunk?"

Robert Dewhirst, assistant professor of government, is not in favor of any type of curve.

"If you use a true curve, and happen to be with a good class, and get an 85, that's a C," Dewhirst said. "Because you are with a good class, this is the score you get. But an 85 is

an 85; it should be worth more than a C."

Depending on the class a student takes, a bell curve may be more suited for a lower division class rather than the senior level. Computer science professor, Phil Heeler, thinks the bell curve is suited for certain classes.

"A bell curve in a senior level course is not appropriate," Heeler said. "But in a class like computer literacy, it's probably appropriate because there are more students. They will proportion themselves across a bell curve easier. It depends on the situation."

In regards to judging a student's performance, Heeler said a bell curve would only work with a large enough class situation. In smaller classes, the range of a student's performance would not fit well within a bell curve.

"When an instructor finds that maybe their instrument is faulty, especially when developing new assessment instruments — tests, assignments, and so forth — when you get everybody doing poorly, there's probably something wrong, and it's not just the students," Lamer said.

When the instructor uses tested instruments that have worked in the past, Lamer said, then it's a different story. It is only when the testing or assignments are used for the first time that curves are beneficial.

Most professors do not favor a

universal grading system where all professors would use the same grading method.

"Within a class, it is best decided at least by the professor, and sometimes the students, as to how the grading system should be," Heeler said.

In this way, interaction between the professor and students can achieve an agreed upon grading system both can be happy about. One example, some professors use is to allow the student, on an individual basis, to decide where and how points should be allocated.

Overall, some professors have no desire to be told what they can and cannot do.

"I'm not in favor of homogenization," Lamer said. "The classroom is a very territorial and almost sacred place, and I don't want anybody dictating what goes on in my classroom."

Lamer is in favor of trying new things to use in the classroom, but only at his discretion.

After a grading system has been established, a problem arises with students who receive a grade that is considered "on the border." Generally, the professor will bump the student up to the next letter, but only if the student's performance warrants such a move.

"The worst part of grading is border line," Dewhirst said. "Moving a student up a grade depends on atten-

dance, improvement in the progression of the course, basically factors like that. You try to be as objective as possible."

Most professors, however, will not raise a letter grade for a student if little or effort is made to show improvement or a desire to try and learn the material offered.

After time, it becomes common knowledge that in some courses there are easier professors to have than others. For some, it's imperative to find the easiest ones to insure the least amount of work. However, in some areas, there is no easy ride.

For example government classes are fairly consistent in terms of the amount of work assigned.

"We're all pretty close together in terms of our classes," Dewhirst said. "Another variable, however, is the class. Some classes just do better than others. The teacher is another variable to look at."

Within computer science courses, Heeler said most of the classes are the same in intensity. Professors are moderately uniformed enough to provide a good balance of easy and hard work within classes.

One thing that holds a class together is its syllabus. Except for perhaps a change in order assignments, most professors follow their syllabuses to the "T."

"When you've got 30 or more students in a class, I tend to be more regimented and adhere to the syllabus, for my own well being as well as the student's," Lamer said.

However, at times it is good to put the syllabus aside if the course and students taking the course can do this and still learn what is being taught.

"I take grading very seriously because the students do," Dewhirst said. "It's the least fun part of my job. I think the perfect job would be teaching without giving out any grades."

A lot of students wish that was a reality instead of a fantasy. In any case, the best thing to do to overcome faulty curves or normal grading systems is to study. This way, no matter how the grading is done, you'll be guaranteed an A.

Appeal process allows students more options

by Jessica Stamp
Missourian staff

Many students have received grades they feel should have been higher, but what can a student do if they feel the grade was given because of biased reasons? Students can follow the process to appeal any grade they feel was given unjustly. Students needing to appeal a grade are encouraged to refer to the course catalog.

• A student who feels that the instructor has graded on the basis of personal opinions or other matters unrelated to the established academic standards is encouraged to consult with the instructor in the hope that a satisfactory solution can be achieved.

• If the student still feels the instructor is biased in the academic evaluation they have the right to make a written appeal to the departmental-level Student Relations Committee through the department chairperson or coordinator.

• The committee consists of at least one faculty member and one student who are not directly involved in the case.

• The departmental-level SRC will convene following the student's request for a formal hearing.

• If the committee feels there is reasonable justification for the student's appeal, then it will schedule a formal hearing with testimony from both the student and instructor, along with any additional supporting evidence.

• The committee will come to a written decision.

No fun? No way!

Community provides fun for students

by Cat Eldridge
Features Editor

In order to break the monotony of going to classes day in and day out, many students think it is necessary to go to Kansas City or other nearby cities to have fun. However, Maryville offers fun of its own.

Students claim that Maryville doesn't offer enough fun activities to keep students in town on weekends.

"Maryville needs some clubs other than the bars," Jeremy Morse, secondary education major, said. "There just isn't much fun here."

For some students, coming to a small town after living in larger cities makes it seem as if there is nothing to do in town.

Jeff Marshall, broadcasting and marketing major, came from Liberty and spent a lot of time in Kansas City. He also lived in Kearney for a year and experienced life in both large and small cities.

"Coming to Maryville really isn't a culture shock," Marshall said. "It is difficult to find things to do, but there are many options if you look."

Many students hang out with friends in their residence halls or homes.

"I have a lot of friends in

Hudson (Hall), so I go there a lot," Marshall said. "I also spend a lot of time at the Rec Center."

Jason Brown, instrumental music education major, spends his time in similar ways. When he cannot find anything in Maryville, he plays basketball, and the recent warm weather has made that easier.

"I usually practice drumming," Brown said. "When I'm not doing that, I play basketball."

Many businesses offer students a place to spend time with friends and relieve some of the stress because of classes. The Leaded Bean and local bars are popular among many students.

"I hang out at the Leaded Bean and the bars a lot," Brown said. "It gives me a chance to be with my friends and have a good time."

Students also venture out to the Maryville Twin Theaters and Bearcat Lanes.

"I go out bowling with my friends," said Marshall. "It's fun, a good way to spend time with my friends and one of the best things to do in Maryville."

Marshall said going out with friends is a necessity. If students don't, they get bored.

"It's a necessity to go out,"

Marshall said. "Otherwise, I get really bored of being in my room and on campus all of the time."

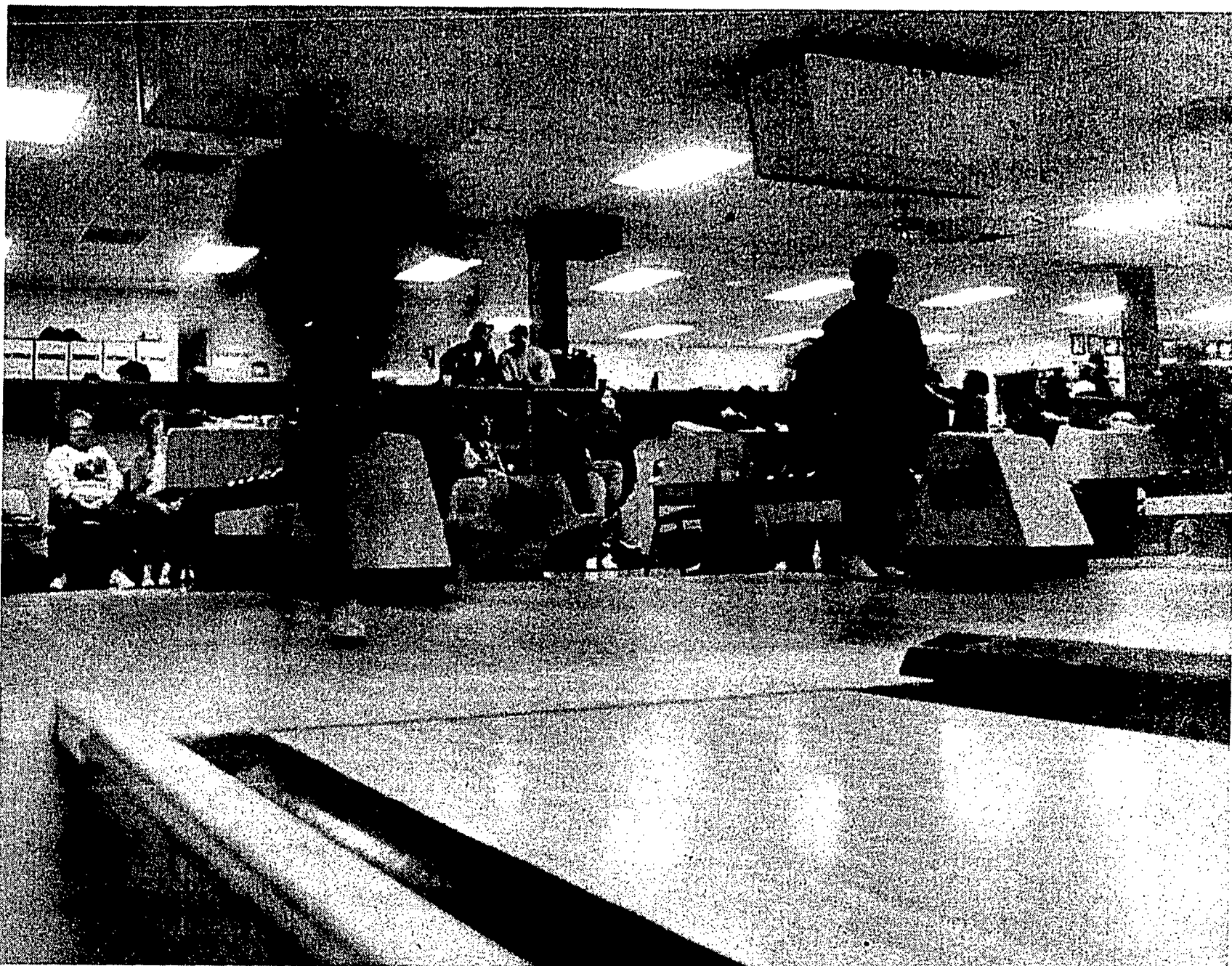


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Eighty women participate in the Bearcat Lanes bowling league on Monday nights. Bearcat Lanes also offers coed leagues, men's leagues, and a coed league for University students. Bearcat Lanes is also home to the Nodaway Special Olympic bowling team every Tuesday.



File Photo

The Grapes win juicy praise of fans

by Karen Conrad
Missourian Staff

The Grapes, hailing from Atlanta released their debut album in 1991: "Water to Wine." Their music can be described as American rock and soul music. I was fortunate enough to listen to their 1993 live compact disc "High or Low."

I found their music to have an interesting mix. It contained jazz, with an upbeat alternative sound. You can get into their music when you hear it for the first time. They describe their unique style as rock, soul, rhythm, blues, funk and a touch of a psychedelic sound.

The Grapes have released three compact discs: "Water to Wine" in '91, "High or Low" in '93 and

"Private Stock" in '95. Their fourth album, "Juice" should be released soon.

The Grapes recently signed with Ozark Talent booking agency. This agency is from Lawrence, Kan.

They finished a tour of the southeast and southwest United States in January. In December of their tour, they played at Linny's in St. Joseph.

Charlie Lonsdorf, Ted Norton, Steven Fink, Rick Welsh and Brooks Smith make up this five-man band.

The Grapes' goal in performing is to leave the audience with a "feel-good attitude" when listening to their music, it sounds as if they achieve their goal every time they perform.

The Grapes formed almost a

decade ago and have played over 2,000 shows. They have played with such bands as: The Black Crowes, Phish and Indigo Girls.

People have nothing but good things to say about The Grapes. An *Arizona Daily Sun* review said, "The Grapes are best experienced live. They are a hard-rocking, psychedelic band that just makes you want to get up and down."

Troy Aubrey, the band's publicist, encourages people to check out their 3-D web site at www.thegrapes.com.

I would definitely recommend checking out the website and the band.

The Grapes have a great sound. After a little more exposure, they will hit the big time. The Grapes get an A.

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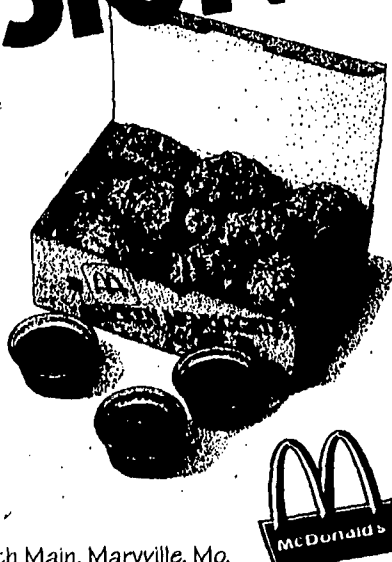


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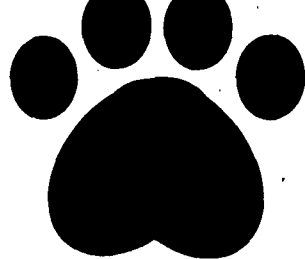


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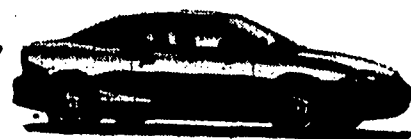


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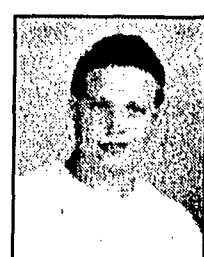
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Student avoids criminal trial



Christopher Trueblood

PUNISHMENT

As a result of his court hearing Tuesday, Trueblood must:

- participate in a sex offender treatment program
- not go to any establishment where sales of pornographic materials are the primary business
- not go anywhere with nude dancing or posing
- not to have any contact with the victim or the victim's family
- not reside with or have unsupervised contact with anyone under 17, except his brother

Trueblood receives probation, previous jail time for crime

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

A former Maryville High School senior avoided criminal trial because he entered two pleas of guilty at a hearing in a Platte County courtroom Monday. Christopher A. Trueblood, 17, was charged on two felony counts of endangering the welfare of a child.

David Baird, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney, said Trueblood entered an Alford plea, which pleads guilt while continuing to deny all allegations.

Judge Daniel Czarnaske sentenced Trueblood to one year in jail on the first charge, in which there was alleged sexual contact between Trueblood and a child under 17 while the defendant was acting as a babysitter. On the second count, Trueblood allegedly endangered the welfare of the child by hitting or striking. The court suspended the jail sentence and placed Trueblood on five years probation.

Trueblood will receive

credit for the time he has spent in jail, which followed his February 1996 arrest. Baird said Missouri law requires that a defendant receive such credit while awaiting trial.

"We knew that even if a jury were to convict and sentence the defendant to prison, after being given credit for the time he had served in jail, it was likely he would be immediately eligible for parole," Baird said.

Trueblood will be placed on probation and must abide by regulations. His probation will be supervised by the Missouri Department of Probation and Parole and he will undergo sexual abuse counseling.

Baird said the judgment handed down suited the case.

"In this case, after consultation with the family and potential witnesses, we were able to achieve a result which guaranteed convictions of the defendant, credit him with the time served and protect the public by placing him on stringent, supervised probation for the next five years," Baird said.

Trueblood will also pay restitution of \$3,660 to Nodaway County in jail costs and \$150 for public defender fees.

Steam pipes work continues

The continuing work on the steam line project will again disrupt service to certain campus buildings.

The \$8 million project will eventually replace the entire steam line and chilled water pipes which heat and cool Northwest. Some of the items which will take place over the next few weeks include:

Friday, Feb. 21

The water lines routed through the central campus will be shut down at 7 a.m. so the steam line contractor can modify the existing three water lines which cross through the new tunnel run for Lamkin Gym. Water to Lamkin Activity Center, Martindale Gym and the Foster Aquatic

Center will be off approximately six hours.

The steam and condensate systems will shut down at 2 p.m. These systems have to be shut down so that the contractor can modify the existing steam and condensate lines that cross through the new tunnel run for Lamkin Gym. North Complex, South Complex, Brown Hall and the Union will be off line and without heat for three hours. The Foster Aquatic Center, Martindale Gym, Lamkin Activity Center, DeLuce Fine Arts Building and the Mary Linn Performing Arts

See STEAM PIPES, page 4

STATE-BOUND 'HOUNDS



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Junior Wyatt Dunbar, one of nine Maryville High School wrestlers competing at state this weekend, loads his gear on the van taking the team to Columbia Wednesday. Dunbar finished third at sectionals in the 152-weight class.

Wrestlers grapple with state

by Chris Gelnosky
Community Sports Editor

After a season schedule and district and sectional tournaments, nine Spoofohounds will travel to Columbia to lock horns with Missouri's best.

Seniors Calvin Mathes, 140 pounds, Wyatt Dunbar, 152 pounds, and Geoff Goudge, 215 pounds; juniors Jeremy Tobin, 119 pounds, and Ryan Castillo, 135 pounds; and freshman Jeremy Bradshaw, 145 pounds, will make their first appearances at the Missouri 1A-2A State Finals, which begins at 12:45 p.m. today at the Hearnes Center.

One of the most important aspects of state is simply controlling your nerves and staying focused on the task at hand.

Tobin realizes the state finals can be an overwhelming place to wrestle and knows he has to try

to ignore all the hype.

"It hasn't hit me yet, but I'm sure I'll probably get nervous," Tobin said. "When I get down there, I'm going to have to concentrate on nothing except wrestling and try to block everything else out."

Castillo said going to state has been a goal of his all season, and now he has the chance to wrestle against the best.

"I'm excited to go down to state," Castillo said. "I want to set high goals, and I want to try to place. But more than anything else, I want to wrestle my best and do the best I can."

Senior Jeff Beacom, 189 pounds, and junior Jeremy Lliteras, 130 pounds, are making their second trip to the state while junior Mark Anderson, 112 pounds, is making his third

See WRESTLING, page 8



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Nine members of the Maryville High School wrestling team, along with student managers, left for state competition in Columbia Wednesday afternoon. The three-day event kicked off this morning.

On the Web.

To find out how Maryville wrestlers are faring at state, check out this web site, which will be updated regularly:

<http://www.stinet.com/prep>

Regents approve higher tuition

Despite funding from state, school still needs money

by Jacob DiPietre
Chief Reporter

Northwest is increasing the price of tuition for the 1997-98 school year.

The Board of Regents voted Monday to raise tuition for undergraduate Missouri residents and out-of-state tuition.

Northwest received more money than any other four-year state school from Gov. Mel Carnahan, but the University still needed to raise tuition to help cover basic operating costs.

University President Dean Hubbard said about 9 percent of the 10.1 percent increase received from the state is going to pay for the University's Mission Enhancement Program.

The money left over is not enough for all the costs of running the University, Hubbard said the tuition increase will help cover these costs.

"We received 10.1 percent from the state government, but most of that went into the mission enhancement in the short term," Hubbard said. "Only one and a half percent goes against what is known as operating base, what it takes to run the institution."

Hubbard said the University probably will not need all the money set aside to start the mission enhancement program. He said once the program is up and running the excess money will go



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Danny Marsh, president of the Board of Regents, cuts a ribbon to ceremoniously open the renovated second floor of the Administration Building. Behind him, from left are Missouri Representative Sam Graves, University President Dean Hubbard, faculty emeritus Everett Brown, regent Chip Strong, regent Jim Gibson and regent Jane Pansing Brown. See page 5 for more on the grand-opening festivities.

into salaries and operating costs.

"After those things are in place and working, we're free to use any of that money left over for salaries etc.," he said. "I mean we all know that start-up costs are greater than operating costs."

Operating costs for the University also includes money for teachers' salaries. Some of the money from the tuition hike will go into the instructors' salary fund. Hubbard said the University owes it to the students to attract the highest-quality teachers.

"The other significant cost increase item is just the normal salary increases that we need to give to faculty," Hubbard said. "Our students deserve as good a faculty as any student at any other institution — that means we have to pay competitive salaries."

'97-'98 student fees

- Undergraduate Tuition**
- Mo. resident: \$84.50/credit hour (\$4 increase)
 - Non-resident: \$147.75/credit hour (\$7.50 increase)
- Graduate Tuition**
- Mo. resident: \$105/credit hour (\$3.75 increase)
 - Non-resident: \$186.50/credit hour (\$7.25 increase)
- Technology fee**
- \$3/credit hour (\$1 increase)
- Room and Board**
- \$1,890/semester (\$45 increase) for new occupants
 - returning residents will pay 1996-97 or 1995-96 rates
 - Roberta rate: \$200 additional
 - Private room rate: \$600 additional

Next EC phase will mean new room computers

by Lindsey Corey
Chief Reporter

Ten years ago, Northwest became the first public college or university in the nation to offer a computer terminal in every residence hall room and faculty office as part of the Electronic Campus project.

Monday, the Board of Regents approved a plan, tentatively titled EC97, for upgrading the current system through the leasing or purchasing of 1,600 desktop personal computers and networking equipment. By the beginning of the 1997 fall semester, the computers will be placed in all residence hall rooms and selected public computer labs throughout campus.

The \$2 million project will be financed through a \$1 per credit hour increase in the technology fee and several University sources. The technology fee, assessed to all students, will be increased to \$3 per credit hour beginning with the 1997 fall semester. The fee will help to fund four additional staffers.

"We'll need a more powerful phone help desk in a central point," Jon Rickman, vice president for informational systems, said. "Instead of offering short courses, we'll need a continuous source."

The new desktop computers will be graphics-based and will make it possible for students to access the World Wide Web from their hall rooms. Ethernet will also be added to each room.

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OUT OF AFRICA



Kristina Wilburn, second from left, is spending a semester in Forecariah, West Africa, as a missionary teaching English. While overseas, Wilburn is also enrolled in a multiculturalism in education class at the University.



Northwest student teaches English in Africa as part of semester missionary program

Teaching dream comes true

by Nicole Fuller
Opinion Editor

Although she's experienced numerous unexpected marriage proposals, poisonous snakes and several dangerous accidents, one Northwest student still feels she's blessed with a once in a lifetime experience.

It has always been a dream to be a missionary in Africa for Kristina Wilburn, but now it's a reality.

"I have always felt called to be a missionary, and I hoped I would end up in Africa," Wilburn said.

Her dream started when she read an article about the top 10 reasons why young people aren't missionaries.

"One of the reasons stated was, 'because I have to finish college first,'" Wilburn said. "That one hit me pretty hard, because I always said I would do something like this after college."

Wilburn decided to apply for a semester program for students. Wilburn received a phone call on Dec. 1 from

the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va., telling her she had a choice between being a youth minister in the Netherlands or an English teacher in French-speaking country of Guinea, West Africa.

"It took me less than a second to make my decision (that) Guinea it would be," Wilburn said. "This kind of placement was really an answer to a prayer, a dream come true and right up my alley as an English and French secondary education major."

Brenda Wilburn, Kristina's mother, said God was calling her to the missions.

"She was led by God to do this, and we think she has made a wise decision," Brenda said. "We support her 100 percent."

Missionaries have only been allowed in Guinea since the mid-1980s, but since that time there has been no major problems with missionaries' safety.

See WILBURN, page 4

OurView

OF THE STATE

Missouri drivers will benefit from belt law

For years, many states have made the wise move of requiring passengers in cars to fasten their safety belts while driving. This rule has been especially important for children to follow because of the increased risk of injury and/or death these smaller people face in a potential accident.

Finally, some Missouri legislators have made the beginning moves to assure that all Missouri children are required to follow these same laws.

Currently in the Missouri Senate, legislators are considering a bill that would require all passengers in a car, age 4 through 15, to wear seat belts, whether they sit in the front or back seat.

One of the reasons this law is necessary is that current law requires that children only buckle their seat belts when riding in the front seat of the car.

Some other very important additions to the current seat belt laws in Missouri include the following:

- Drivers violating the seat belt law may be stopped for this violation alone. This is known as primary

enforcement, to which nine other states already have similar laws.

- All drivers and front-seat passengers of pickup trucks are required to wear seat belts.

This addition is especially important for a town such as Maryville where pickup trucks are as common or more common than smaller cars.

Violating any of the provisions of this law would result in a Class A misdemeanor, which is punishable by up to one year in jail.

People will probably complain about parts of this bill, but those complaints are merely covering up the basic facts:

Wearing seat belts is a necessary precaution against brutal injury in a car accident. Sure, it's sometimes uncomfortable, but a little discomfort goes a long way toward ensuring safety.

This bill is a tough and necessary step toward protecting Missouri drivers, particularly children passengers, on Missouri roads.

We congratulate the Missouri Senate for trying to crack down on lazy and careless drivers with this bill.



OurView

OF THE COMMUNITY

Give thanks to those who give their time

Time — it's one of the things that everyone knows exists, but they always say there's not enough of it.

It is an easy excuse to make, and everyone has used it at some point in their life.

We never have enough time in the day to do all the things we want to accomplish, but there are those who put others before themselves and make the time.

There are a number of people in this town who try to make Maryville a better and more enjoyable place to live. There are many "unsung heroes," you could say, that make the time for other people, even if they are busy people themselves.

In last week's issue of the Northwest Missourian, it was reported that a number of individuals spent their time teaching kids the basics of wrestling and winning is not the most important facet of life.

Another fact of life is a teacher who makes time for a group of youngsters who play basketball at St. Gregory Church.

Other examples include people who coach Little League in the summer and those in town who have fought to bring soccer to the high

school and the University.

Athletics have to do with heart, courage and the love of the sport, even though professional athletes have turned it into money and fame.

People often speak of role models, and as time has progressed, it seems professional athletes keep lowering that on their priority list.

Now, this is not true of all athletes, but it is these athletes that give sports a bad name.

The most recent of these actions occurred in Omaha, Neb., earlier this week. Lawrence Phillips, St. Louis Rams runningback and former Nebraska Cornhusker, was at a party, and if you thought the man would have learned from his mistakes in the past two years, you were wrong.

Phillips was arrested for disorderly conduct, and once again sets a great example in the sports world by making television in handcuffs.

It is those that play or coach — because it is in their blood, their guts and not for personal glory — that should be recognized for their accomplishments. It just seems that those are the people who always get overlooked in today's society.



MyTurn

Valentine story intends awareness



Rob J. Brown

Missourian coverage of Condom Day shows sharp coverage, not lack of taste

During my routine browse of the *Daily Forum* Sunday, I came across Elizabeth Sharp Allen's column "Valentine's Day is now exploited." As a curious reader, I continued to find out why Allen thinks Cupid Day is demoralized.

After reminiscing about the special events that spark her memories of the holiday, Allen cited the *Northwest Missourian's* front page and inside stories surrounding our approach to Valentine's Day as inappropriate and tasteless.

As an editorial board, we decided to take a different angle on the holiday rather than the typical relationship or what-to-buy sappy stories. In the Feb. 13 issue, we featured a front-page story on the sales of condom roses on campus.

Allen mocked the article and challenged us to get serious. Well, I don't know of a more serious topic than sex and the health and social issues that surround it.

While STDs are running rampant through our campus, and nationally, pregnancy among college-aged women is on the rise, all Allen could express was her

disgust that we took the initiative to tackle a serious topic.

As far as calling the article tasteless, I believe it is nothing but informative and I hope students bought and used the condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and pregnancy.

If reading this article prompted just one reader to purchase and use protection during sexual intercourse, I feel proud. I also encourage the readers to use this motivation throughout the year and not just on National Condom Day, which fell on Valentine's Day.

The condom story was a minor feature on the front page and could be seen as a bit brash, but instead of dubbing the articles as exploitation, I'd rather consider our take as the real life approach. Even though we are in small-town America, we can't turn our back to serious and pertinent topics such as the use of condoms.

Readers must remember that we are not a public relations venue. But if you seek one, Dave Gieseke and his staff put together a fine publication, *Northwest This Week*, that will touch on the sunnier side of

Northwest.

Also, Allen only saw the story for the condoms, if she would have read further it discussed relationships, communication skills, sending gifts, a dance to benefit the American Cancer Society and Random Act of Kindness Day supported by the Baptist Student Union.

I respect Allen's views, but now I ask readers to think about the true seriousness and pertinence of the topic and realize ours.

Although I'm leading the bandwagon of covering the holiday in the manner that we did, I can apologize about one item.

Inadvertently, the page 13 Condom Day feature and the Ash Wednesday Religion page feature were facing each other. Normally this wouldn't be a problem, but the title "A day for love" seemed to flow into a large photograph of Father Chuck Tobin addressing the congregation at last Wednesday's Mass.

I pray readers made the separation of the two features. Sometimes blunders like that happen and I apologize to Father Tobin.

Rob J. Brown is the University news editor for the Northwest Missourian.

MyTurn

Management theory proves ineffective



Cat Eldridge

Too much scheduling causes conflict in the future

Time is truly an odd thing. Everyone says, "It takes time." Well, time wouldn't be so bad if it didn't take so long.

I have a real problem with what those who get everything done on time and never put things off call "time management." Yes, I procrastinate. I study for tests the few minutes before the professor enters the room and I make plans 10 minutes before they are carried out. I guess you could call me Queen Procrastinator.

In the residence halls, all of the ARCHs encourage the residents to use a schedule to plan out every part of their day. The schedule tells us when to go to class, eat, sleep and go out.

I tried this for the first two days of the fall semester, and it drove me

nuts. I was studying at my designated time, when all of a sudden, I needed to use the restroom. As I came to this realization, I noticed that I still had an hour left before I had scheduled a break. What was I to do? I was on a schedule.

I can't stand having a schedule staring me down all day long. If you ever see my desk in the newspaper office, the first thing you will notice is what a huge mess it is. Well, there is an explanation. Now, I do not claim to be a neat person, in fact, I can be a real slob, just ask my roommate.

However, the mess on my desk hides one thing that I cannot stand to look at: My schedule. I did, however, arrange this schedule a little more flexible than the one last semester. It shows when I am at

class, and when I am in the office, but honestly, I just wasn't made to follow a schedule.

I'm a fly-by-the-seat-of-your-pants type of gal. If something comes up that is better than my current project, sure, I'll jump right in and put the other project off for a little while (chances are, it has already been put off anyway), but I always come back to it. I will say that when I do things, they may not get done right away, but they will get done.

So, maybe this "time management" theory just isn't for me. I need to be free; I need to have a little fun before I reach the dreaded "real world," and if that means not having a schedule, then so be it.

Cat Eldridge is the features editor for the Northwest Missourian.

MyTurn

Battle of sexes ends in disagreement



Jackie Tegen

Friends views differ on subject of women and relationships

I'm a risk taker. I like to tempt the hands of fate. I enjoy challenging others. The best way to do this is by getting into debates.

I have, however, met what could possibly be the biggest challenge ever to face my intellect.

The scenario was a simple one. It was early Sunday evening, much like any other, I had sat down with a group of friends when it happened when I heard... "I don't know which one I like, they're both hot..."

Granted it was none of my business. He hadn't even been talking to me yet the sweet words he sung struck a sour note in my mind.

Purely for argument sake, I rebuttled. I stuck my nose in business I didn't fully understand and I got stuffed.

I can't remember the words that flew from my mouth. I do know that "not pieces of meat," "more than looks matter," and "do you even know her last name" came out in speeds of high speech.

In one minute, the six of us

sitting around enjoying ourselves in the living room transformed into a battlefield of boys versus girls. My mouth had sent us hurling into an argument that all the great thinkers of the world couldn't solve — the battle of the sexes.

The room began spinning and suddenly it stopped. The result, a segregated room, men on one side and women on the other. Each side was waiting for the other to mess up.

The fact that males in general tend to value looks as the greatest importance when they first meet a certain young lady didn't bother me. But the fact that my good male friends actually thought it did, bothered me.

Through enraged frustration and a few tears, my roommates and I struggled for an understanding, in the long run of relationships, a good personality is going to beat a pretty face every time a words.

After about three hours of arguing back and forth, we finally agreed on something.

We decided to agree on disagree-

ing. There were no winners and no losers.

And instead of the triumphant rush I feel after I win a fight, I was stuck feeling emotionally drained and hateful to the male race.

I hated the male race until I reflected upon the vivid conversation and I began to understand them a little better.

I realized that instead of listening and understanding the men, I concentrated on what I would say next. I expected them to do what I myself couldn't — understand.

As scary as it was, I saw for the first time their point of view. A male does notice looks right-off-the-bat. And this is also what makes him approach a woman and get to know her as a person, not a face.

Judgements and hurt feelings are inevitable, yet when females look at it from a different angle and try to compromise, they discover the feelings of rage once held can quickly turn to flattery.

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MaryvilleView

Students' education needs to step into future



Judy Brohammer

School bond issue important in April

My focus on Maryville is the school bond issue. As a parent who has lived in many different school districts, I can tell you that I never minded paying an extra \$20 or \$100 in my property tax to give my children a good education and therefore, give them the potential to live a productive life.

I no longer have children in school, and my grandson will never benefit from the schools in Maryville, but I care about our children now. Each child in the R-II school district is my child. I owe each of these children the opportunity to be the very best he or she can be. Education is not expensive — ignorance is.

Our children need to learn the "three R's," but they also need technology knowledge. They will need to compete in a global society. Our children need to know computers inside and out; they need to have access to science labs so they can help cure the diseases that we will face and others yet unknown.

Twenty-five years ago, no one had heard of AIDS — today it is a threat to all of us. One does not begin to learn biology in college; it begins in grade and middle school. Think of the advances in cardiac medicine. A double bypass 30 years ago was very rare, now a quintuple bypass is less life-threatening than a double was in years past.

One does not begin to learn math and computers in college. It starts in our public schools now. I wish I knew as much about computers and how they could make my life easier as a fifth-grader at the middle school does. Our fifth-graders need not only the technology for learning, but the facility that will keep them safe and comfortable while they are learning. They need to know that parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors of all ages and walks of life feel they are important.

If we give them second-class facilities, and expect the teachers to make do, what

are we saying to them? Are we telling them that education is unimportant? How can we expect them to do their best in school when we are unwilling to provide them with excellent facilities?

Our School Board, and I emphasize our, because we have elected them to do the best they can for our children, has taken the public survey results and given us plans that best fit our children's needs, their teachers' needs and honored our opinions and input.

Do we owe ourselves anything but the best offered? Our children are our future. The better their education is, the more productive they will be. If you want to bring it down to economics, they are our future tax and social security dollars. Let's equip them the best we can to help them be the best they can be. Vote YES in April.

Judy Brohammer is the executive director of the Maryville Chamber of Commerce.

NorthwestView

Editorial misses point about Student Senate



Michelle Krambeck

Group leader explains what it has done

I was asked to write a column in response to last week's *Missourian* editorial "Current issues need Senate's attention now." As the president of Student Senate, I agree. With issues as controversial as a new computer system and a trimester schedule, the administration desperately needs the input and concerns of Northwest students. The writer of the editorial clearly felt that was not taking place here. I challenge that he or she is wrong.

The first big complaint of the editorial centers around EC+. The Board of Regents just approved an entirely new computer system (after last week's paper) to update the VAX. It sounds like a wonderful idea, but what about the hundreds of students who have invested their time, money and stress into EC+? The editorial said "one would think that Student Senate would take some action to stick up for these people." Yes, students who elected representatives onto their Senate should think that, and Senate did.

If one would have read further into that same edition of the *Missourian*, they would have found on page 4, an article about the Feb. 11 Senate meeting. The last paragraph says, "A discussion of the EC+ student organization's concerns followed." Obviously the writer of the editorial did not attend that Senate meeting and had not bothered to read the

article that would appear on the other page.

The fact is, Senate was extremely concerned about the future of EC+. A letter from the EC+ student organization was read, discussed and supported at our meeting. That very letter was presented at Monday's Board of Regent's meeting and discussed for at least 45 minutes.

Before the writer of the editorial asked, "So where the heck has Student Senate been this whole time?" maybe they should have looked.

Later in the article, the infamous trimester controversy was brought up. Where have your senators been? They've been attending focus groups and committees on that very issue. Why haven't we tried to make you, the students, more aware? We have.

Last semester, I personally called the *Northwest Missourian* to inform them of a Trimester Student Forum where University President Dean Hubbard was going to answer questions and hear the complaints and concerns of the students. I was told, no problem, it will be in the next paper. It wasn't. Posters, flyers and word of mouth attracted some students, but not nearly enough.

So once again, before the writer of last week's editorial asked, "Where the heck has Student Senate been this whole time?" they should have looked.

Until last week, not one reporter from

the *Northwest Missourian* had been in attendance at a Student Senate meeting to simply inform the students of what is happening and what they can do. Before the *Missourian* complains about our lack of involvement, they need to question their own.

As a journalism major, I was very upset at the blatant falsities and lack of research into last week's editorial.

As your Student Body president, I was offended at the attack on your and my representatives' service to the University. As a Northwest student, I was shocked at the "Where the heck has Student Senate been this whole time?"

If you are interested in personally finding out where your representatives have been, please call the Student Senate office or stop by and ask who your representatives are. The Student Senate meetings have been and always will be open to any and all who wish to come on Tuesday nights at 7 p.m. in the University Club North.

The journalists on the *Missourian* and your student government association are both here to serve you, the students. I hope that the next time a *Missourian* staff writer gets a gripe, they will look for and find the facts before printing a similar editorial.

Michelle Krambeck is the president of Student Senate.

IT'S YOUR TURN

What results would you like to see from the Classic Cable negotiations?



"I'd like to see a reasonable cable rate for a chance. I shut mine off. I'd like the old basic rate of \$7.95 per month."

Chuck Robertson, student



"I'd like to see them leave. There will be times during the month when we wouldn't get our bills and then they would try to charge us for past-due bills."

Tricia Yates, teacher at Horace Mann



"I think it needs to be improved — not the selection of channels but the reception of them."

Randy Gruhn, broadcasting major



"I think it would be nice to have better reception. It seems like you are always in the middle of a television show or a movie and you only get to see a part of it because the cable goes out."

Jodi James, corporate recreation and wellness major



"More for less. More of the product for less cost. Cable is a different thing here. I am from St. Louis and the quality in cable is not here."

Todd Barnett, vocal music major



"Everybody wants more service but they don't want a larger price. Our cable quality is not what it should be — but then again we live a little ways out of town. I could live without the shopping networks, but I really like the new history channel."

Larry Cracraft, Eveready battery employee

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PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

February 11

■ A Maryville female reported that while her vehicle was parked in the 300 block of North Munn, the driver's side mirror was broken off.

■ A Maryville juvenile reported that his bicycle was taken from the 300 block of East First Street. The bicycle was later recovered and another male juvenile was referred to the juvenile officer.

■ Fire units responded to a fire contained in a tub of a large paper grinder. The fire was the result of a piece of wire jammed in the rotating knives which generated heat from friction. There was no reportable damage to the grinder unit.

February 12

■ Fire units responded to a local business in reference to a smoke investigation. Upon arrival it was discovered that a furnace, which had been turned on for the first time this year, had grease covering elements. The grease started burning causing smoke. No damage or fire was found.

February 13

■ While an officer was on patrol in the 900 block of East First Street, he saw a vehicle strike the curb and then drive in the wrong lane of traffic. The vehicle was stopped and while talking with the driver, Shannon M. Lawrence, 20, Maryville, the odor of intoxicants was detected. She was asked to perform field sobriety tests which she could not successfully complete. She was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated after her blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. She was also issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

■ Angela M. Wray, 17, Maryville, was arrested on charges of larceny following an incident at a local business in which six packs of cigarettes were taken without being paid for. Estimated value was \$10.50.

■ Lisa F. Dunning, Maryville, was

westbound on Thompson Street and slid out of control. She struck Jodelle A. Williams, Maryville, who was parked, causing Williams' vehicle to strike Jennifer J. Struble, Maryville, who was also parked. A citation for careless and imprudent driving was issued to Dunning.

■ Charles F. Vaughn, Bolckow, was westbound on South Avenue and pulled into an intersection and stopped. He waited for Janice E. Frampton, Maryville, who was eastbound on South Avenue, to pass through the intersection so he could turn. Jamie L. Lantz, Clarinda, Iowa, was northbound on Main Street and entered the intersection and struck Frampton. The impact caused Frampton to strike Vaughn. A citation for failure to stop at a steady red signal was issued to Lantz. Frampton received evident, not disabling injuries.

February 15

■ A vehicle was backing out of a parking space and struck Richard C. Burchard, Burchard, Neb., who was parked and then left the scene.

February 16

■ Officers responded to the 1200 block of West Sixteenth on a complaint of loud music. Upon arrival, officers observed several people and contact was made with the occupant, Robert K. Brandt, 22, Maryville. Brandt was issued a summons for allowing a peace disturbance on the premises.

■ Gary Smith, Kansas City, was parked when a vehicle struck him and left the scene.

February 17

■ Samuel A. Schafer, Maryville, and Peggy L. Strob, Maryville, were both traveling south on Main Street. Schafer said he looked down to answer his phone and when he looked up he could not avoid striking Strob's vehicle in the rear. A citation for careless and imprudent driving was issued to Schafer.

CAMPUS SAFETY REPORTS

February 11

■ A staff member in Phillips Hall reported a window had been broken out.

■ A fire was reported in the pellet plant. No damage was reported.

February 12

■ A report of disorderly conduct was filed when a stink bomb was set off in Phillips Hall.

■ A vehicle was hit in the parking lot behind the Administration Building by another vehicle.

■ A student reported another student for careless and imprudent driving. The dispute was solved at the scene.

February 13

■ A student in Millikan Hall reported that her clothes had been damaged in the dryer.

February 17

■ A VCR was reported stolen from a room in Wells Hall. The incident is under investigation.

■ A vehicle was struck by a vehicle that left the scene.

OBITUARIES

Sally Crocker

Sally Ryan Crocker, 86, Maryville, died Feb. 12 at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Sept. 17, 1910, to John and Ellen Ryan in Neola, Iowa.

Survivors include one son, James; three daughters, Donna Frueh, Mary Rodriguez and Betty Potter; 15 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Services were Feb. 15 at St. Gregory's Church in Maryville.

Gladys Wells

Gladys Marie Wells, 90, Maryville, died Feb. 17 at Maryville Health Care Center in Maryville.

She was born Oct. 6, 1906, to Charlie and Nellie Ross in Maryville.

Survivors include one son, Ross Jr.; one daughter, Sherry Mustapha; two grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers; one sister and many nieces and nephews.

Services were Feb. 19 at Price Funeral Home in Maryville.

STEAM PIPES

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Center will be off line for six hours. Tuesday, Feb. 25

Work will begin on the central campus tunnel run from the Administration Building to the Union. The construction will begin near the west wing entrance to the Ad Building and portions of the central campus sidewalk will be blocked off from that entrance to the circle drive of the Union.

Sunday, March 2

Electrical power will be shut down campuswide for approximately one hour at 9 a.m. The shutdown is necessary to prepare for another campuswide shutdown for several

hours during spring break. Sunday morning was selected in order to reduce the impact on campus residents and University activities.

Other related news:

Concrete trucks will soon start utilizing the central campus sidewalk between the Union and Brown Hall to finish the construction on the tunnel runs currently underway. Portions of these sidewalks will remain open and flagmen will be posted in this area to help with pedestrian and vehicle traffic.

The temporary bridge near the Foster Aquatic Center and Martindale Gym will remain up for the next couple of weeks. The bridge will have to be removed before spring break so construction on this tunnel run can be completed. The sidewalk will be closed for up to two days.

WILBURN

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That is, aside from having a cobra in the front yard on the first day and a scorpion on the second day, Wilburn said she is managing the life in Africa pretty well. Well, except for the time she cut her head open on a tin room of a house when she was not paying attention to where she was walking. And when her film and tapes for her camcorder were stolen.

Wilburn is in the small village of Forecariah.

Forecariah is about two hours from Conakry, the capital of Guinea.

Wilburn said the people there are absolutely beautiful. From their braided hair right down to their rough, dust covered feet.

"I have been able to communicate fairly well with many of the women using my French," Wilburn said. "However, their French is different from the French spoken in France. They role their Rs instead of using the nasal sound, and their sentences seem to be shorter, simpler phrases."

The native languages spoken in Forecariah are Susu, Fulani and Krio.

"It is very different here because I have always been used to everybody speaking the same language and if they didn't, well, then it was 'their responsibility' to learn English," Wilburn said.

Wilburn is learning the language of Susu every weekday morning from Mama Aissata. The language is difficult to learn because of the lack of

reading materials.

Wilburn teaches English classes using Laubach material. She teaches a conversation class for those who have completed the English classes but still need practice speaking the language.

Wilburn is receiving credit for three classes this semester while in Africa: Customs and cultures of the francophone world, multiculturalism in education and independent study in linguistics by teaching English as a second language.

Learning that there is more than one way to think, cook, talk and live is just the beginning of the many lessons Wilburn is experiencing. "I could sit in a classroom all day and hear about other cultures, but nothing teaches like the actual experience of being among the people, eating their food, visiting their homes, shopping in their market and everything else. I am experiencing on a daily basis," Wilburn said.

The main goal as a missionary is to live among the Guineans in a way that God's love for them is shown. Wilburn said they do not do this by direct evangelism but by building relationship after relationship. "After a friendship is established, they begin to question why I am here," Wilburn said. "This gives me the perfect opportunity to share with them about my relationship with Jesus, and that I am here because I am doing what I feel he has called me to do for this time in my life."

OATS BUS SCHEDULE

The OATS bus is driven by Sue Neff and John Jones. For information on how to receive transportation call the Senior Center at 562-3999.

The following is a schedule of the OATS bus.

Sue Neff: Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday rides are available in Maryville.

Every first and third Wednesday rides from Hopkins and Pickering to Maryville are available.

Every first Tuesday rides from Burlington Junction, Clearmont and Elmo to Shenandoah, Iowa.

Every second Tuesday is

Nodaway County to St. Joseph.

The third Tuesday of every month rides are available from Skidmore and Graham to the Maitland Senior Center.

The fourth Thursday of the month is from Tri C, Barnard and Guilford to Maryville.

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BOARD OF REGENTS

Ceremony marks reopening

by Juliet Martin
Assistant University News Editor

The outside of Northwest's Administration Building hasn't changed, but the inside has an entirely different look.

The new look on the second and third floors was presented to the campus and community at the reopening ceremonies Monday.

The ceremony featured remarks by University President Dean Hubbard and Board of Regents President Danny Marsh, along with a ribbon cutting by members of the Board of Regents.

The building renovations, conducted by Northwest's construction management and architectural firms CPMI and Gould Evans Goodman, have been ongoing for over a year and the project is not completely finished.

Some minor work remains before offices can move to the new floors which should be finished before the end of April.

Robert Sunkel, University construction supervisor, welcomes the changes.

"I think the renovations went wonderfully and am pleased with the amount of space, its quality and aesthetics," Sunkel said.

Sen. Sam Graves, R-Mo., and Rep. Rex Barnett, R-Mo., attended the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Barnett recalled days when the future of the building was in question.

"This University has had a num-



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Taylor Barnes and Ray Courter along with several other Northwest administrators and teachers gathered to witness the reopening of Administration Building Monday on the steps leading up to the second floor.

ber of different symbols over the years, but none have been more identifiable than this building," he said. "During the fire of '79 there was some doubt if this building could even be saved and now we have this wonderful renovated structure."

Offices on the second floor will include Financial Assistance, Registrar, Graduate Office, Faculty Senate, Center for Applied Research, International Studies, Community Relations, Public Relations, Publications,

Photography, admission records and the deans of three academic colleges.

The new west wing of the third floor will house Upward Bound, Upward Bound math/science, Student Support Services, Student Athletic Success Program and the Talent Development Center.

As soon as publications and news and public relations have moved upstairs, additional renovations will be made on the first floor to make space for Career Services.

MEETING

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"Students will have a high access computing model for the next generation and graphic market," Rickman said. "Faculty can expect more because they will know that students can get to the resources."

In a recent VAX survey 79 percent of voting students favored the upgrade.

"It's also a great solution for off-campus students at a very reasonable price," Rickman said.

The EC+ system will not be abandoned

"We have two different concepts racing here," Danny Marsh, board member, said. "EC+ is ahead now, but EC97 may pass it for a while. The goal is our mission enhancement."

The Board had received a letter from the EC+ Student Organization voicing their concerns.

The letter said students who purchased notebook computers felt like guinea pigs and that quality was sacrificed to be first, according to Devin Warrington, secretary. It also outlined the commitment to students and faculty and asked the University to live up to the commitment.

"We want them to continue enrollment in the program and expand it into upper-level courses," Warrington said.

Scholarship program approved

In other meeting business, a \$4.5 million scholarship program was approved for the 1997-98 academic year. The plan is for \$4,509,705, and

increase of \$297,265 over this year's program.

"(Some of the money will fund) the renewal part of the programs we started the last two years, such as Regents Awards and the Iowa Tuition Grant," Del Morley, director of financial assistance, said. "It will also help fund the Midwest Student Exchange program, because we have more people coming in all the time and it grows every year."

Various achievement scholarships represent \$1.67 million of the total program. Achievement scholarships include Regents Awards, Transfer Regents Awards, University Scholars, Presidential Scholars, Minority Awards, and academic department scholarships.

Institutional grants make up the rest of the scholarship plan. They include institutional grants (\$145,000); other scholarships and fee waivers (\$297,000); work components (\$64,350); designated scholarships including athletic and service/activities (\$906,260); and auxiliary enterprises awards including residence hall assistants (\$306,510).

Two contracts passed

Contracts for two construction projects were voted on.

The Regents approved a \$548,058 contract with Modlin-Hicks Inc., of St. Joseph for a new Student Health Center on the northwest corner of campus.

The facility, constructed near the new intercollegiate softball field, will replace the current space used by the Office of Health Services in Cooper Hall, a residence hall.

The current building does not meet ADA requirements; has inadequate space; and is located in a residence hall which creates unique privacy issues. The number of clientele is also growing.

The second contract is with Elliott Drywall & Asbestos, Inc., of Kansas City for \$155,100 for the asbestos abatement for the chiller plant and distribution system.

Work will include asbestos abatement of thermal pipe insulation acoustic ceiling spray-on, and contaminated soil. Demolition of mechanical room equipment, and all associated pipes, valves, motors and ductwork is also part of the contract.

Food and maintenance contracts continued

In other business, the Board approved the hiring of firms for the food management services and the management services for custodial and maintenance.

Agreements with the University and ARAMARK Corporation for food services and ServiceMaster Education Management Services for the management services for custodial, maintenance, construction and ground support. The two firms currently serve in the same capacity at Northwest.

Regents acted on a recommendations from the University's evaluation committee chaired by Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services.

The committee made its recommendations based on comparisons of written proposals, site visits, telephone contacts, and formal presentations.

Science Olympiad attracts area students

by Stephanie Zellstra
Missourian Staff

Science mania hit Northwest last Saturday as regional students in grades six through nine participated in the Junior High School Science Olympiad.

The students variety of sciences in 18 events. The events ranged from aerodynamics where the students are judged on building an airplane out of certain materials and measuring the distance it travels to tree-mendous where students are judged on their knowledge of trees.

The students spend a lot of time preparing for these events. Many outside class hours are spent studying and helping others with the events.

Abby Howell, an eighth-grader at St. Gregory's, participated in the egg drop and tree-mendous events. She visited the site of the event on campus and practiced a few times.

For tree-mendous, she has spent a lot of time at the library the past few months reading and studying about trees.

Although Howell was an alternate last year, she still had a lot of fun.

"I think it is a lot of fun to see all of the real labs and equipment on campus," Howell said.

The adviser of the 15-member team from St. Gregory's is Shelly Green. She has spent a lot of outside classtime getting the students ready.

Green put together a mock trial event and tryouts where they do the event like it's the Olympiad.

A lot of support from other faculty has helped Green.

"I feel the students learn a lot because the Olympiad is fairly advanced," Green said. "It

WINNERS

Local winners include:

Fossils - first place: Ben Seipel and Aaron Welch

Egg Drop - fifth place, Abby Howell and Heather Robertson;

Tower Building - third place Dana Lade and Emily Townsend.

The overall team results: first place, Plattsburg; Second place, Gallatin; Third Place, Lathrop.

should challenge the students, but not be so advanced that the students don't understand the material."

Northwest students play an important part in the Science Olympiad. Members of Tri-Beta, 102 River Club and S.A.A.C.S. all help judge events and arrange competitions for the Olympiad.

Karen Schaffer, associate professor of biological science and coordinator of the Olympiad, said the events can be fairly tough and hopes it gives the students hands-on experience with science.

Schaffer started preparing in September by signing up for the rooms she will need. Then she started to get faculty to volunteer and judge the events.

The students were judged that day and the winners were announced. The top three winners of the events receive medals.

The top three Olympiad winners overall advance to state competition which is at the University of Missouri-Columbia in April.



Greg Dalrymple/Photography Director

Emily Townsend and Dana Lade put the final cup of sand during Saturday's Science Olympiad. The two girls from St. Gregory's elementary school won third place in the tower building competition with tower efficiency of 3,437.81.

Who's Who honors students

by Monica Smith
Missourian Staff

Most college students are never lucky enough to be recognized nationally, but 34 Northwest students are making their names known.

Juniors and seniors with a GPA of at least 2.75 and involvement in activities and leadership positions will be honored by Who's Who and Student Senate.

A reception for all honored students sponsored by Senate will be at 6 p.m., Feb. 26 in the Union Ballroom.

"Who's Who is designed to further the aims of higher education by rewarding and recognizing individual academic excellence and extracurricular involvement on a national level," said Erica Marshall.

Who's Who selects extraordinary students for the honor each year. These students and their accomplishments are published in a hardbound book which showcases the recipient's profile.

Students become candidates for this honor in two ways. They could apply for the honor or be nominated by faculty members.

"We sent letters out to all of the faculty asking them to nominate deserving students," Marshall said. "It is an honor to nationally represent Northwest."

A Senate committee sent applications to all of the students that were nominated.

Public relations major Neil Neumeyer was nominated by speech professor Robert Bohlken who wrote the letter of recommendation for Neumeyer.

"It is neat to be a part of a national honor such as Who's Who,"

HONOREES

Emilie Allen, Jennie Barnes, Ryan Blum, Megan Boddicker, Deborah Brannen, Toby Cannon, Deborah Douthat, Bobbi Dowell, Cori Elfrits, Melissa Fletchall, Kevin Johnson, Teresa Ganger, Christopher Goll, Michelle Heck, Joseph Koeberl, Ray McCalla, Rebecca Minton, Heather Namanny, Heidi Murry, Neil Neumeyer, Gerald Nevins, Lora Ogden, Christina Pallas, Rebekah Pinick, Karen Raniere, Lisa Sanders, Carrie Sindelar, Michelle Suthers, Mary Talbot, LeeAnn Vetter, Jayme Warren, Kristina Wilburn, Amy Willers, Stacia Worley.

Neumeyer said. "There have been so many successful and well-known people who have been honored by Who's Who and it is exciting to be in their company."

Senate planned the reception to honor students and making the award well-known. The reception will award the honored students with certificates from Who's Who and Senate.

"I think it is a great recognition for juniors and seniors," Denise Way, psychology and sociology major, said. "It is a great opportunity to be recognized by an organization outside campus. We have had a reception in the past, but we wanted to make this year more well-known. We wanted the students to feel it was special and an honor."

Neumeyer said he was pleased to be included with Northwest's best students.

"I am very happy Student Senate is going to this effort to sponsor and provide the reception," he said.

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Cupid strikes

Ahh Valentine's day. Many take this holiday to send flowers, candy and spend time with loved ones.

But not me. No, this auspicious reporter took this holiday as a chance to see what happens behind the scenes.

Around 2 p.m. Friday, a photographer named Chad and I headed to Easters Food's. We arrived to see a desolate supermarket except for the hustle in the floral department.

The line reminded me of people who wait overnight for tickets to a concert. People were standing around waiting for the next person to get done. The only difference was the line was all male.

So Chad and I went up to the offices to wait for the flower delivery boy to come back from his last delivery. After about 15 minutes, our wait was over.

We walked through the store to the back loading door only to find hundreds of flowers cluttering the back room. Scott, the delivery boy, Chad and myself picked up as many flowers as we could hold and walked to the van.

There were no chairs in the van so Chad grabbed the front seat and I squatted in the back amongst a jungle of flowers. I used the time traveling to our first delivery to get a little background information on the driver. Scott Meyers, is a senior at Maryville R-II and is involved in the Co-op work program. The program allows him to start work at noon and he works about 15 hours a week at the Student Body, as for Valentine's Day, Cupid has been working on

Scott. He said he gave his sweetheart a teddy bear and she loved it.

Anyway back to Scott. He enjoys delivering flowers, because he likes to see the look on people's face when he hands

over the flowers but really likes not being cramped in a store all day.

"Most people are happy," Scott said. "No one has turned any flowers down — I mostly did this to stop working inside."

One of our first stops was at Scott's school. We walked in right as the Spoofhound cheerleaders were dancing for the pep rally. As we went into the office, we were bombarded with flowers — imagine that.

Anyway, we delivered our balloons and flowers and I, of course, sought out a person to interview. I focused in on a secretary who was obviously upset that more deliveries were being made. She said she couldn't take them and we would have to deliver them tomorrow. I was taken aback, but not Scott. No that little trooper pressed on and somehow managed to get her to accept our delivery.

It seemed the school received over 100 deliveries. Their policy for Valentine's Day is all the flowers stay in the office until 3 p.m. When we strolled in around 2:30 p.m., they were not happy.



Chad Sykens/Missourian Staff

Chief Reporter Jacob DiPietre gives flowers and balloons to Jennifer Blessington on Valentine's Day. DiPietre road along with Easters Food's employee Scott Meyers for an hour while he played cupid to area sweethearts.

The secretary I spoke with, who wished to remain anonymous because of shyness, said the school faces this dilemma yearly.

"This happens every year," the secretary said. "We wait until seventh hour and then all the girls come in and get their flowers."

As the day continued we delivered to many houses. Everyone was happy to see us and a little camera shy. However, Jennifer Blessington, Maryville, said

Valentine's Day is not as enjoyable without that special someone.

"Lots of people are calling it 'Black Friday,'" Blessington said. "It is a lot better if you have someone; I have been on the other side and it is bad."

Well, that was our last delivery. And as our trip ended I felt a mix of emotions. On one hand I was happy it was over and on the other I pitied poor Scott for having to go back out there.

School Board declares surplus

Members agree to sell 40 acres near campus, will set price March 5

Chera Prideaux
Assistant Community News Editor

The Maryville School Board has declared the district's 40-acre land plot located west of campus as surplus land with the intent to set a base bid price at a meeting March 5.

The unanimous decision came after a proposal was approved for a 30-plus acres contract with South Hills Investment Company.

The School Board also discussed the upcoming sale of the Building Trades House.

The house is located at 719 S. Alco Ave. The Board said the house was surplus property and will be accepting sealed bids to be opened March 19 at the meeting.

A plan for an alternative educational service building was discussed due to an evident local need. The building would be a youth center that could be used by the school, community and local surrounding communities. The Board agreed to support the progression of this plan.

The renewal of the administrators' contracts were approved and Debbie Blanchard's letter of resignation as middle school science teacher was accepted.

Debbie Maxwell will be the temporary replacement for Virginia Keever as middle school custodian. Keever is currently off duty due to a broken ankle.

Two students made a presentation to the members of the board. The students spoke of the Life's Walk Program which raises awareness of teen pregnancy issues.

The students demonstrated "Baby Think It Over Dolls" and described their experiences.



Professional mascot performs at local middle school

Kansas City man loves job, performing during games, interacting with fans as wolf

by Ruby Dittmer
Community News Editor

For seven years he has been entertaining Kansas City Chiefs fans with his skits, from running out onto the field and doing belly flops, to riding his three-wheeler and almost missing photographers.

Dan Meers says he has one of the best jobs in the world — portraying the football team's mascot K.C. Wolf. "I love what I do," Meers said. "This is what I was supposed to do. God has blessed me."

Meers visited Washington Middle School Tuesday for an assembly. Two students, Elizabeth Baker and Joshua Sego, fifth graders were winners in the K.C. Chiefs contest "Drinking Milk Makes Good Sense (Scents)!" Katie Wood, a Horace Mann fifth grader, received honorable mention.

The contest was sponsored by the Midland Dairy Council. Each winner student won a school assembly by K.C. Wolf who discussed drinking milk and eating a healthy diet with the students.

Meers began his career in college while studying broadcast journalism at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He read an article announcing tryouts for the Missouri Tiger, and since he had always been active in sports, he attended the session and earned the position.



Christina Kettler/Chief Photographer

K.C. Wolf, Dan Meers, dresses up Joshua Sego in his mascot uniform. Sego was one of the fifth-graders who won the Chiefs Drinking Milk Makes Good Sense (scents) contest.

For four years, he performed as Truman the Tiger and after graduation was offered a job with the St. Louis Cardinals portraying Fred Bird. Meers had to be careful when he bent over to hug the children because the previous mascot and costume were shorter.

After being approached by the Chiefs he accepted the position because football is during the cooler weather and there are fewer home games.

"I get paid to act goofy, I get to go to work in a suit and tail, I get to know all the football players and I get to hug cheerleaders," Meers said.

However, being a mascot is not all fun and games. The costume weighs 35 pounds and the temperature inside the suit is normally 20 to 30 degrees warmer than the temperature outside.

This requires Meers to keep his body in good shape and he usually works out three to four times per week. When he gets to the gym he rides a stationary bicycle 22 miles and usually lifts weights for 25 minutes.

It also helps him keep his strength that his skit is early in the game.

"I'm glad I don't have to do it in the fourth quarter," Meers said. "We mascots don't like overtime, they wear you out."

The costume itself is designed with hoola hoops that allow K.C. Wolf to shake his 85-inch hips and dance. His shoes are 24 inches in length. The head of the costume is designed so that Meers can see out of the neck and if he's ever scratching his neck, it is because he cannot see.

Meers has never lost his tail, but he did lose his head one time.

Meers planned a special skit for the first night game of the season, when the Chiefs were playing the Seattle Seahawks. K.C. Wolf was going to parachute into Arrowhead Stadium. Meers himself was not actually going to be the one parachuting, but instead, a Navy man from California who had jumped several times.

"The trouble occurred when he practiced it on Thursday afternoon," Meers said. "He jumped out of the airplane and K.C. Wolf's head flew off and so he landed but we didn't know where the wolf head was. The next day when I got to work a little girl had called up and said she had found the wolf head in a tree in her backyard."

Meers said he got the wolf head back, but it had to be repaired.

Even though he has been performing for seven years, he said he still gets nervous before running out into the stadium and he is usually sore on the day following a performance.

"Sunday it doesn't hurt to do all those belly flops," Meers said. "It

hurts a lot more on Monday morning, but I haven't broken a bone yet."

During the off season, Meers visits many schools promoting drinking milk and eating a healthy diet.

He also does promotions with car dealerships, grocery stores and makes special appearances at events across the nation.

Meers is married and has a 10-1/2 month-old daughter, Mycah.

He met his wife Cameron while doing a performance for a Christian organization, where she was a counselor.

Meers enjoys his livelihood and the interaction with the fans.

"If you don't mind sweating and smelling it's a lot of fun," Meers said.



Christina Kettler/Chief Photographer

Dan Meers teaches the basic food groups to Washington Middle School Students through a rhyming game during an assembly Tuesday morning. Meers also spoke of eating a healthy diet.

IN BRIEF

Healthy Communities participates in project

Healthy Communities for the Midwestern Four Corners, a program sponsored by the Heartland Health Foundation and Northwest's Institute for Quality Productivity, was selected as one of six communities to participate in The Healthcare Forum's Accelerating Community Transformation Project.

The project focuses on discovering the most effective strategies for improving the overall wellness of communities.

Team leaders will gather and develop the strategies and implement them into the community.

The project is funded by Astra Merck Inc. and is a collaborative effort between the Florida Hospital, the Walt Disney Co. and The Healthcare Forum.

Bob Bush, vice president for Regional Initiatives Institute for Quality Productivity, said healthy communities is not only about the actual health of the community.

"Health is only one small part," Bush said. "The quality of the government, services offered, the environment, job opportunities, education and safety are all a part of the total health of a community."

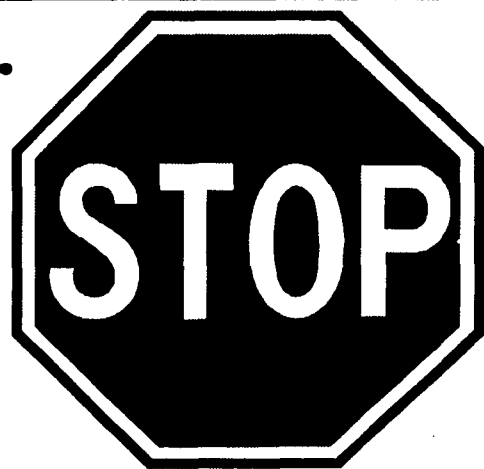
Team leaders will identify strategies that will accomplish a healthy community.

"It's communities taking control of their community," Bush said. "The industrial age removed ownership from the communities and this is a process of bringing ownership back."

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UPSET! 'Cats knock off No. 15 Ichabods

by Scott Summers
Chief Reporter

Five senior starters played their final home game in Bearcat Arena and led the 'Cats past Washburn University 82-60.

Northwest improved to 11-14 overall (8-9 MIAA) while knocking the Ichabods their eighth loss against 20 victories.

Pressure on the defensive side of the ball turned into points on the offensive end for the Bearcats.

"We didn't give them anything easy," junior forward Brian Burleson said. "Our defense was tenacious. Anything they had, we took away."

Prior to the game, the Washburn players tried to showcase their talents to the Northwest crowd with a dunk contest.

The Ichabods learned an important lesson: Do not mess with an angry Bearcat.

"Washburn was trying to get our crowd hyped up," Burleson said. "I didn't like that."

Early in the first half, the seniors played inspired basketball. The 'Cats kept Washburn scoreless for the first four minutes of the game and sprinted out to a 32-24 lead at the half.

With 13:45 left in the game, Northwest led 44-34 and continued to pound the ball inside, scoring most of their points in the paint.

Senior guard Silas Williams

knocked down a three-pointer and during the timeout that followed, the Washburn bench was given a technical foul. It was as close as the Ichabods could get to the rest of the game.

Williams hit both free throws and senior forward Tim Glosten made a jumper after the ball was awarded to Northwest. The 'Cats led 51-34 and the technical helped account for a seven-point swing.

The Bearcats' lead was never challenged as they beat the Ichabods 82-60.

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer was proud of his team's 40-minute effort. "This is the best intensity we've played with all year," Tappmeyer said. "When we went to our bench we didn't fall off."

The intensity the seniors established early on helped the 'Cats down the stretch, Tappmeyer said. "I think (the seniors) did an excellent job," Tappmeyer said. "The intensity they started the game with was what we were able to carry throughout the whole game. Hopefully they will remember the last game they had in Bearcat Arena."

Northwest had five players reach double-figures. Burleson led the way with 15 points. Williams added 13 points and senior forward Tim Glosten chipped in with 12 points and nine rebounds.

Williams said this win can set the

tone for the 'Cats heading into conference tournament time.

"Now we know we can play at this level," Williams said. "If we play like this in the playoffs, there is not anybody who is going to beat us. We can go toe-to-toe with anybody."

The Bearcats' next game will be against Missouri Western at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in St. Joseph.

Central 87 Northwest 74

The Bearcats found holding onto the basketball is more difficult than it seems.

The 'Cats committed 26 turnovers in last Saturday's 87-74 defeat to Central Missouri State University.

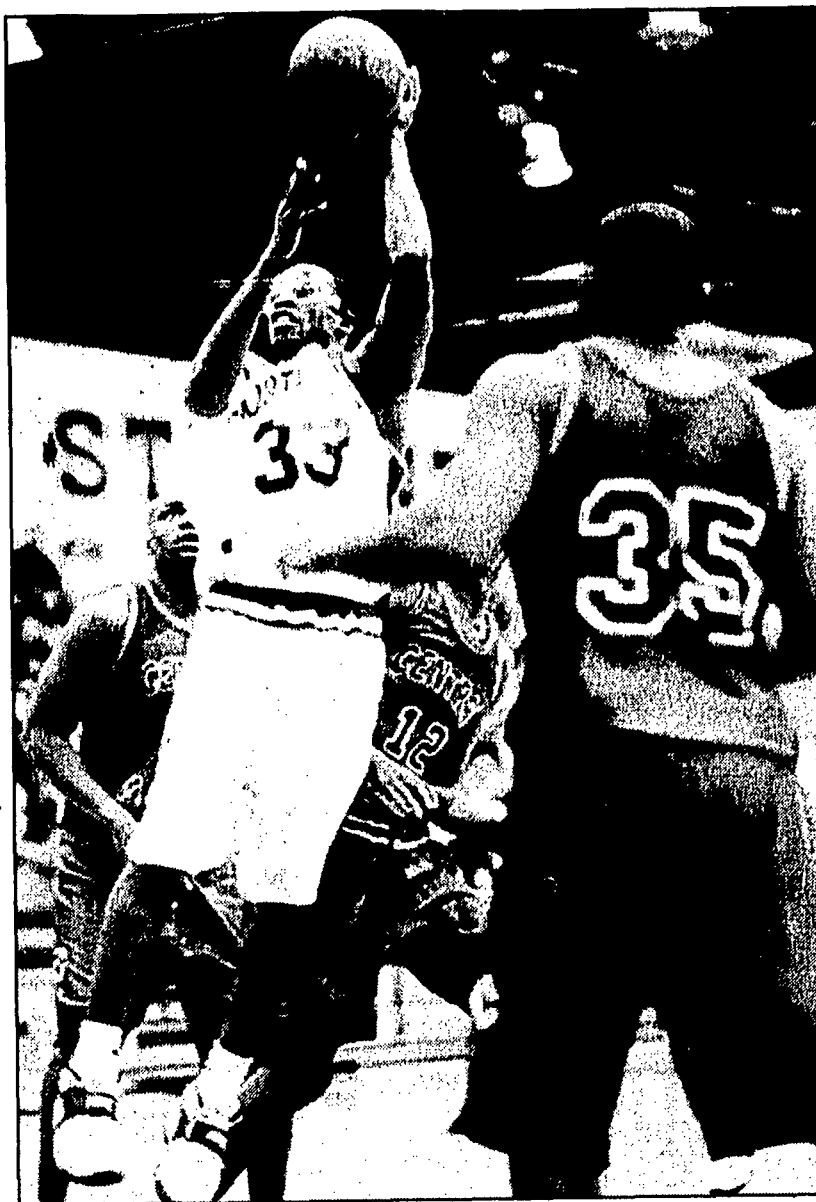
Williams said the 'Cats just could not get the job done against the Mules.

"It was probably one of our worst games," Williams said. "I think we were playing tentative for whatever reason."

Williams said the Bearcats had some opportunities to close the gap on the Mules in the second half, but something would always end up taking away their momentum.

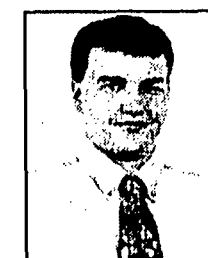
"We kept shooting ourselves in the foot in the second half," Williams said. "We would start to make a run and something would go wrong."

Burleson earned a double-double, draining 22 points and capturing 10 rebounds. Senior center Johnnie Williams added 13 points.



Senior forward Tim Glosten takes it up for two points in Northwest's loss to Central Missouri State University, Saturday. Glosten finished his home career for the Bearcats Wednesday night with an 82-60 win over Washburn.

Missouri fans are stubborn as KU rolls on



Gene Cassell

Thank goodness March Madness is almost here. Because while Kansas is making travel plans for the tourney, Mizzou and their fans will be getting an

early start for next year's team and studying for mid-terms at home watching the best 64 teams in the country play.

But hey, MU beat KU. That's pretty much the way most MU fans, who are friends of mine, reacted after I got some revenge when KU topped MU on Monday night.

After the first loss, I couldn't get a word in edgewise on any MU fan because their only response was "MU beat KU."

True, but one win does not a season make? Now does it. Even if KU continues their winning ways all the way through the rest of the season making it one of the best seasons of KU basketball, all of us KU fanatics will still have to put up with all you MU folks saying "We beat KU."

Go ahead, I can take it. I can ignore people with the best of them.

Finally, Texas Tech running back Bryon Hanspard flunked all of his classes last semester. This made his choice to enter the upcoming NFL draft easier since school wasn't an option anymore.

Kind of makes one thankful to deal with the true student-athletes that bleed Northwest green on and off of the field. These athletes give the Student Success Program every bit of recognition it deserves and even that is not enough.

Gene Cassell is the photography director for the Northwest Missourian.

Women suffer defeat at home; still manage to make postseason

by Brian Brozyna
Missourian Staff

The women's basketball team trailed the Washburn University Lady Blues by 21 in the second half and got as close as five but couldn't get over the hump Wednesday.

The Bearcats fell to the Lady Blues, 80-72, and dropped to 12-13 (8-9 MIAA). Northwest led by 10 with 7:30 left in the first half, but Washburn outscored them 20-1 in the rest of the half.

Wayne Winstead, head women's basketball coach, said the team de-

served credit for battling back.

"I don't think we played all that bad," Winstead said. "You definitely have to say they played well."

Senior forwards Sandi Ickes and Kristin Folk played in their final home game for the 'Cats.

"It was a good comeback," Folk said. "Everything went well, we just let up (in the first half)."

Ickes said the team continued to play hard despite trailing.

"We didn't give up," Ickes said. "We had to keep going hard and not let up even for a little bit."

Winstead shared words with the team at halftime after Washburn took its lead.

"I climbed all over them," Winstead said. "It was ridiculous for an experienced ballclub like ours to lose our concentration."

Junior guard Pam Cummings dished out 16 assists in moving to second on the school's all-time career assists list. She now trails only her sister, Sandy, in the Northwest record book. Cummings added 11 points.

The Lady Blues shot 60 percent from the field for the game compared with 39 percent for the Bearcats.

Northwest will close out the regular season at 5:30 p.m. this Saturday at Missouri Western State College. The 'Cats dropped a one-point decision to the Lady Griffons Jan. 29.

Central 70 Northwest 68 (OT)

The 'Cats tied the score with un-

der a minute to play in regulation before dropping a 70-68 decision in overtime Saturday to the Central Missouri State University Jennies.

Despite the loss, Northwest clinched an MIAA playoff berth.

Winstead said the defense played a good game.

"The defensive intensity was real good," Winstead said. "I have no qualms about how hard we played."

Feaker, one of three players who scored in double figures for the Bearcats, said the team played its best.

"We gave it 100 percent," Feaker said. "It just didn't come out the way we wanted it to at the end."

Feaker said the team came together to tie the game in the second half.

"As a team, we dug down and looked to pass inside and look for the outside shot," Feaker said.

Winstead said he would have liked to see more patience on offense.

"We had a couple of lulls offensively," Winstead said. "We need to be taking the time to take the best possible shot."

As a team, Northwest shot 42 percent, won the edge on the boards, 43-37, and were better at the free throw line.

The MIAA postseason tournament begins Tuesday.

Indoor track teams take aim at crown

by Wendy Broker
Chief Reporter

The last steps of preparation were taken Friday as the indoor track teams competed in their last meet of the season before the MIAA championships, as the squads split and went to both the Nebraska Open and the Pittsburg State Invitational.

Sophomore Jacshelle Sasser finished on top for the Bearcats taking first in the triple jump and fourth in the high jump at Nebraska.

Sasser is also the MIAA field athlete of the week.

Senior Renata Eustice snagged a first and set the arena record in the 3,000-meter run at the Pitt State.

At Nebraska, junior Julie Humphreys broke the school record again and had her season-best throw, placing her second in the weight throw and junior Carrie Sindelar earned a second place finish in the 800-meter run.

Junior Leslie Dickherber placed fourth in the shotput. Junior Sarah Kriz took fourth at Pitt State in the weight throw and provisionally qualified in the process.

The women have practiced and competed all season in lieu of their pinnacle performance of the year, the conference meet which will take place Friday and Saturday in Warrensburg, women's head coach Ron DeShon said.

"For three years we've recruited

and worked hard for this," DeShon said. "We just have to make sure this one (championship) doesn't get away from us."

Sasser put this weekend in a little different perspective.

"We have a whole lot of good talent, both from those who have been around and the incoming freshmen," Sasser said. "We just have to put our all and all into it. That's all it's going to take."

"I think the Northwest women can come out No. 1. We have talent on paper, physically and mentally. We just have to get out and use it."

The men's indoor track team found what it was looking for Friday at Nebraska and Pitt State — improvement.

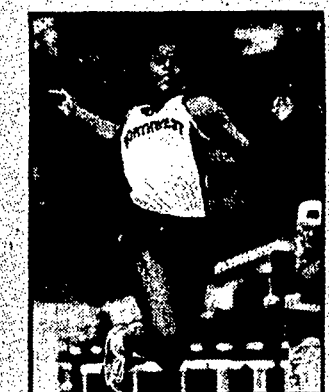
Junior Chad Sutton was the top finisher for the team at Nebraska, taking second in the high jump with a jump of 6' 11", merely an inch and a quarter away from the automatic qualifying height.

Freshman Aaron Becker finished first in the shotput at Pitt State, setting a freshman record.

"As weeks have gone by, we kept getting better and better, our performance is going up," Sutton said. "This week, I hope everybody performs their best (at the MIAA) and we will surprise a few teams. Our goal is to do the best for ourselves and for the team."

The men will also compete Friday and Saturday in Warrensburg.

Northwest Star Athlete



Jacshelle Sasser*
Sophomore

Sasser won the triple jump last weekend in the Nebraska Open with a leap of 38 feet 4 3/4 inches. She also placed fourth in the high jump with a 5' 6" jump. She was an all-American in 1995 in the triple jump.

* chosen by the Missourian sports staff



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Junior guard Pam Cummings reaches out for a rebound in Wednesday's loss to Washburn University.

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'HOUND WRESTLING

Spoofhounds to face off with Missouri's best

Nine wrestlers advance to state finals by placing at least 4th at sectional

by Chris Geinosky

Community Sports Editor

Twelve Maryville wrestlers walked into Platte County High School Saturday trying to earn a berth into the Missouri state wrestling finals, and nine 'Hounds did just that.

Maryville will send more wrestlers to the University of Missouri-Columbia than any other school from the Sectional 4 Tournament, but unfortunately for the Spoofhounds, no wrestlers placed first.

Juniors Mark Anderson, 112 pounds, and Ryan Castillo, 135 pounds, and senior Jeff Beacom, 189 pounds, finished second at the sectional in their respective weight classes.

Third place finishers include

seniors Calvin Mathes, 140 pounds, Wyatt Dunbar, 152 pounds, and Geoff Goudge, 215 pounds, and juniors Jeremy Tobin, 119 pounds, and Jeremy Lliteras, 130 pounds. The lone 'Hound to place fourth was freshman Jeremy Bradshaw, 145 pounds.

Anderson said it is great to be sending so many wrestlers to the state meet.

"I think it is a great accomplishment," Anderson said. "It's unbelievable — I was really impressed with how we wrestled as a team today."

Coach Joe Drake said his team wrestled well, as they have for the majority of the season.

"Overall, we performed real well," Drake said. "I'm not surprised nine qualified for state. The difference this year is that we needed individuals to step up in tournaments, and they've done that all year."

One 'Hound had to battle with adversity all day. Mathes dropped his opening dual to Lathrop High School's Steve Defries in the final seconds and was forced to win his next two matches to advance to state.

Mathes bounced back like an experienced senior should by defeating Zach Viets of Rock Port and Platte County's Drew Peterson in overtime.

Mathes continued to display how much heart and courage he really had in the 140-pound consolation match.

Mathes had the chance to rematch Defries, and he made the most of his opportunity, downing his opponent 13-10 and capturing third.

"I didn't wrestle the best today," Mathes said. "I could have done better, but it meant a lot (to beat Defries the second time)."

Beacom also had an unforgettable day. He breezed into the finals of his weight class and also had the opportunity to rematch an opponent.



Senior Jeff Beacom attempts to lock horns with Stanberry's Nick Elberger in the 189-pound championship dual in sectionals at

Platte County High School Saturday. Even though Beacom pinned Elberger the week before in districts, Beacom lost 6-2 and settled for second.

Chris Geinosky/Community Sports Editor

Maryville Star Athlete



Calvin Mathes*
Senior

Mathes lost his first match of the day at sectionals Saturday, but he fought back to qualify for state with three consecutive victories, the second of which he had to win in the overtime period.

*chosen by the Missourian sports staff

STATE-BOUND 'HOUNDS

Thursday, Feb. 20-22, at Columbia
1st Round Pairings

- 112 — Anderson vs. Nathan Goetz, Higginsville
- 119 — Tobin vs. Shane Fryer, Owensville
- 130 — Lliteras vs. Kasey Espinosa, Versailles
- 135 — Castillo vs. Tom Waters, Owensville
- 140 — Mathes vs. Sean Leslie, Pleasant Hill
- 145 — Bradshaw vs. Joe Rongey, Trenton
- 152 — Dunbar vs. Mike Patton, Maplewood
- 189 — Beacom vs. Brad Politte, Herculaneum
- 215 — Goudge vs. Austin Watterson, Pleasant Hill

WRESTLING

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Beacom won by a pin in the District 8 final against Stanberry's Nick Elberger, and the two would meet once again in the sectional final.

But finals were a whole different story for Beacom, who lost 6-2, and was forced to settle for second place.

"Obviously, I wanted to place first," Beacom said. "It's disappointing because I didn't wrestle to my ability, and now I just have to go into state finishing second."

The 1A-2A Missouri State Finals began today at the Hearnes Center.

Quarterfinals and wrestlebacks will begin at 8 a.m. Friday, and semifinal duals will begin at 6 p.m.

Third place, fifth place, and championship matches will take place Saturday.

High School's Kasey Espinosa.

Castillo earned the right to wrestle Tom Waters, also from Owensville, and Mathes wrestled with Pleasant Hill's Sean Leslie.

After placing fourth in sectionals, Bradshaw matched up with Joe Rongey from Trenton High School while Dunbar faced Mike Patton from Maplewood.

Beacom began his finals run against Brad Politte of Herculaneum and Goudge met with Pleasant Hill's Austin Watterson.

In high school wrestling tournaments, wrestlers have the opportunity to place third if an athlete loses during the course of the tournament, but if the wrestler loses in the first round of finals, their trip could be over.

A wrestler can get a second chance if the his first opponent wins his second finals match.

This week's QUICK PIN

Wyatt Dunbar
40 seconds



A sign showcasing the winner, courtesy of Jack and Julie Castillo, is located in front of Eric Nelson Plumbing on South Highway 71.

Girls prep for district

by Jacob DiPietre
Chief Reporter

It is the highest seed the Maryville girls' basketball team has had in three years going into districts.

The 'Hounds will start district play at 5 p.m. Tuesday against Cameron.

The 'Hounds, who are 1-1 against the Dragons this season, feel their chances are very good for getting past the first round, but they are not underestimating Cameron.

"It's tough playing them on their court," Martin said. "Their crowd is usually pretty into the game. I think we will be OK confidence-wise because we have beaten them on their floor already once this year by one, but it will be a good challenge for us."

If the 'Hounds get past the Dragons, they will go against Savannah for the fourth time this year. Martin said the

'Hounds are looking forward to playing the Savages again.

"I like our chances if we get to that point," Martin said. "Savannah's got to be thinking about us a little bit. Last time we played them I think we proved that it wasn't a fluke when we beat them down there. I think that is probably going to be sticking in their minds."

The 'Hounds are looking at the game against Savannah like they have nothing to lose.

"There won't be any pressure on us," Martin said. "All the pressure will be on them, being the top seed and everything."

The road to districts has not been an easy one for the Spoofhounds. Maryville lost its final three games on its regular season schedule.

Boys' basketball team finishes week 2-1

by Scott Summers

Chief Reporter

The Maryville boys' basketball team traveled up the road to Iowa Tuesday, where the 'Hounds clawed their way past Red Oak High School in a 62-47 victory.

Prior to the contest, head coach Mike Kuwitzky said Red Oak would give the 'Hounds a good test because of their overall height.

"They have a lot of height," Kuwitzky said. "We will have to try to counter-balance their height with our quickness."

Early in the first quarter, neither team could get the ball rolling in their favor. The 'Hounds trailed 6-4 before the offense began to fire on all cylinders, and Maryville went on a 16-2 run to end the first quarter.

Red Oak gradually closed the gap, and the Spoofhounds' lead was cut to 28-22 by the end of the first half.

Red Oak's comeback went awry in the third quarter as they scored only six points against the tenacious Maryville defense.

Sophomore Ryan Morley led the charge for the 'Hounds, scoring 21 points in the effort. Junior Adam Weldon chipped in 19 points.

Maryville will play its last regular-season game at 7:30 p.m. Friday at home against Shenandoah High School.

The district tournament will be in Cameron, and the Spoofhounds are the No. 2 seed.

The 'Hounds will face No. 7 Tarkio Academy at 9 p.m. on Monday.

Maryville 78 Savannah 54

The Spoofhounds rebounded from a heartbreaking loss to Chillicothe by ripping apart the Savannah Savages last Saturday night in a 78-54 victory.

The 'Hounds came out running and pulled ahead 36-23 by the end of the half.

Maryville continued to dominate the floor in the second half, bursting ahead by almost 30 points before winning the game by 24.

Kuwitzky said he was impressed with his team's play, especially following the loss to Chillicothe.

"I was real proud of our team," Kuwitzky said. "We were really sharp. Our kids played great defense, and we executed well on offense."

Junior Tylor Hardy led the Spoofhounds for the second-straight

game, scoring 17 points. Junior Craig Archer and sophomore Ryan Morley each added 10 points.

Chillicothe 50 Maryville 48

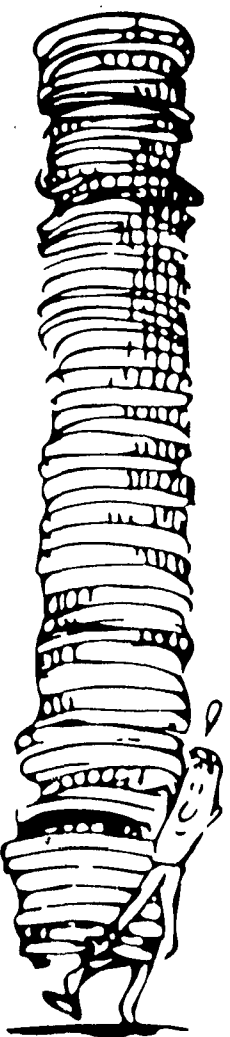
The Spoofhounds battled the Hornets in a rematch of an earlier Maryville loss in Chillicothe.

In one of the most exciting Midland Empire Conference games this year, the Hornets escaped with a two-point win.

Justin Bland, Chillicothe's center, was too much for the 'Hounds to handle. Bland scored the last of his 22 points with just 4.1 seconds left in the game to give Chillicothe a 50-48 lead.

The Spoofhounds failed to attempt another shot and time expired. Hardy led the Maryville attack, scoring 23 points in the effort.

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Basketball

Men's MIAA Standings

Conference				Overall			
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
WU	14	3	.824	20	8	.714	
PSU	13	4	.764	19	6	.760	
MWSC	12	5	.706	18	7	.720	
CMSU	12	6	.667	20	6	.769	
ESU	10	7	.588	15	10	.600	
NWMSU	8	9	.471	11	14	.440	
UMR	6	11	.353	14	11	.560	
TSU	6	11	.353	10	15	.400	
MSSC	6	11	.353	9	16	.360	
SBU	4	13	.236	9	14	.391	
LU	3	14	.176	5	20	.200	

Women's MIAA Standings

Conference				Overall		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.
MWSC	14	3	.824	20	5	.800
CMSU	13	5	.722	19	7	.731
WU	12	5	.706	19	6	.760
PSU	11	6	.647	18	7	.720
ESU	10	7	.588	17	8	.680
SBU	10	7	.588	16	9	.640
NWMSU	8	9	.471	12	13	.480
MSSC	7	10	.412	12	13	.480
TSU	5	12	.294	9	16	.360
UMR	4	13	.235	8	17	.320
LU	0	17	.000	4	20	.167

Northwest Women

Feb. 19
Washburn at Northwest
at Bearcat Arena
Washburn (80)
Lohse 4-6 0-0 8, Olerding 10-17 5-5 27,
Shopper 8-14 2-4 18, Angel 0-0 1-2 1, Weve
8-12 5-7 21, Dalinghaus 1-1 0-0 2, Mohler
1-2 0-0 3, Wedel 0-1 0-0. Totals 32-53 13-
18 80.

Northwest (72)
Folk 5-14 4-6 15, Ickes 3-6 1-2 7, Coy 1-
4 3-4 5, Feaker 5-14 2-2 14, Cummings 4-7
1-2 11, Bohnsack 2-15 0-0 4, Edwards 0-2
0-0, Sump 7-9 0-0 14, Mattson 1-1 0-0 2.
Totals 28-72 11-16 72.
Halftime — Washburn 43 Northwest 32.
Three-point field goals — NW (Cummings
2, Feaker 2, Folk), WU (Olerding 2,
Mohler). Fouled out — Cummings, Folk. Re-
bounds — NW 37 (Folk 9), WU 34
(Olerding 11). Assists — NW (Cummings
16), WU (Olerding 5). Total fouls — NW
22, PSU 13. Technicals — None.

Feb. 15
Central Missouri at Northwest
Central Missouri (70)
Albert 9-21 3-5 22, Lacey 6-12 1-4 13,
Allen 2-5 0-0 4, Pottet 0-1 0-0, Burkholder
8-17 2-3 23, Dixon 0-1 1-2, Nelson 0-3 0-
2 0, Beckley 1-1 1-2 3, Smith 1-2 2-3 4.
Totals 27-62 10-21 70.

Northwest (68)
Folk 5-12 6-3 17, Bohnsack 7-13 5-6 19,
Coy 1-5 2-2 4, Feaker 5-10 1-3 14,
Cummings 1-9 0-0 3, Ickes 1-3 2-4 4, Sump
2-3 1-2 5, Mattson 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-56
17-25 68.
Halftime Central Missouri 27 Northwest
27. Three-point field goals — CMSU
(Burkholder 5, Albert), NW (Feaker 3, Folk,
Cummings). Fouled out — Feaker, Beckley.
Rebounds — CMSU 37 (Lacey 9), NW 43
(Folk 8). Assists — CMSU (Pottet 3), NW
(Cummings 7). Total Fouls — CMSU 16,
NW 22. Technicals — None.

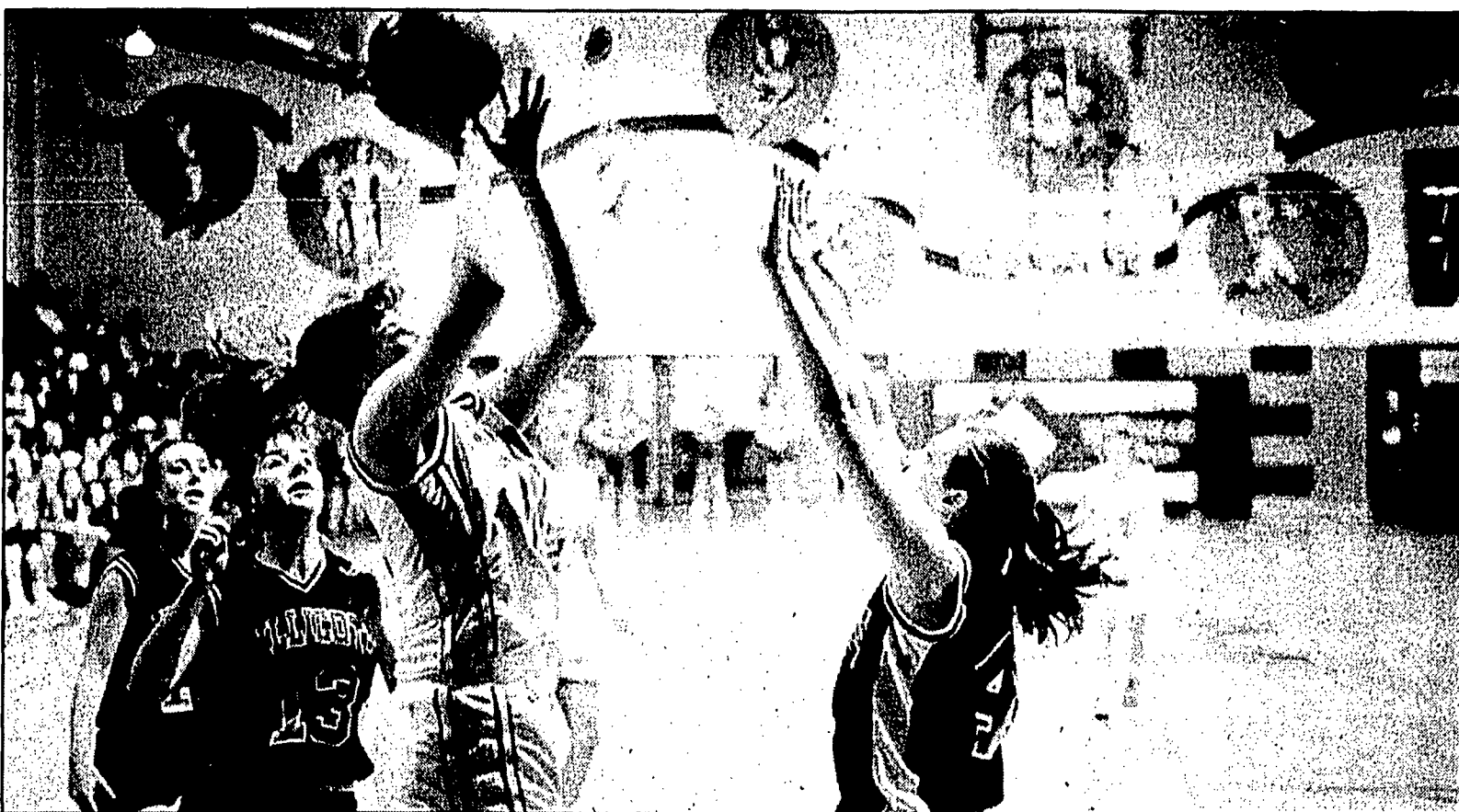
Northwest Men

Feb. 19
Washburn vs. Northwest
at Bearcat Arena
Washburn (60)
Bule 7-12 16-22 30, Sweet 2-12 0-0 5,
Schuler 1-1 0-0 2, Canfield 1-5 2-2 5, Staats
3-10 0-0 9, Boswell 0-2 0-0 0, Krueger 1-3
0-0 3, Jones 0-0 2-3 2, Pollard 1-2 2-4 4.
Totals 16-47 22-31 60.

Northwest (82)
Alford 1-6 1-4 3, Glosten 6-12 0-2 12,
Jo, Williams 3-10 2-2 8, Alexander 1-6 3-3
5, Si, Williams 2-8 10 13, Sh. Williams 0-
1 1-4 1, Simpson 3-5 3-5 10, Wels 2-6 5-6
10, Burleson 7-8 1-1 15, Redd 2-4 0-0 5.
Totals 27-61 24-37 82.
Halftime Northwest 32 Washburn 24.
Three-point field goals — WU (Staats 3,
Sweet, Krueger), NW (Si, Williams,
Simpson, Wels, Redd). Rebounds — WU
34 (Bule 12), NW 43 (Glosten 9). Assists
— WU 12 (Canfield 7), NW 21 (Alexander
9). Technicals — Washburn (team/bench).

Feb. 15
Central Missouri at Northwest
Central Missouri (87)
Crittenden 0-6 2-2 2, Turner 5-9 3-8 16,
Grimes 0-1 4-6 4, Lison 7-13 7-8 24,
Latimer 0-1 1-2 1, Robinson 1-3 0-2 2,
Glasper 2-3 3-4 8, Rivers 6-15 4-8 20.

Hittin' the baseline J



Rusty McKenzie/Missourian Staff

Senior Charity Small elevates for a jumpshot Friday night in Maryville's loss to the Chillicothe Hornets. The Spoofhounds had

one final chance to brush up for district play Tuesday at Red Oak, Iowa, but lost. Maryville will begin districts in Cameron Monday.

Big 12 Standings

Conference	W	L	Overall	W	L
SOUTH	12	1	26	1	
Kansas	9	4	18	5	
Iowa St.	9	4	18	7	
Colorado	9	4	18	7	
Nebraska	5	8	14	12	
Missouri	5	8	13	13	
Kansas St.	2	11	9	14	
NORTH	9	4	15	8	
Texas Tech	7	6	15	8	
Oklahoma	7	6	15	8	
Oklahoma St.	6	7	14	11	
Baylor	5	8	17	9	
Texas A&M	2	11	8	15	

Big 12 Schedule

Men's Basketball
Saturday's Schedule
Nebraska @ Iowa St.
Texas @ Texas Tech
Kansas St. @ Kansas
Oklahoma St. @ Oklahoma
Baylor @ Texas A&M
Missouri @ Colorado
Monday's Schedule
Kansas @ Oklahoma
Texas Tech @ Missouri
Wednesday's Schedule
Baylor @ Kansas St.
Colorado @ Iowa St.
Texas A&M @ Texas

Men's Division I AP Poll

	Rec.	Pts.	Pvs.
1. Kansas (68)	25-1	1748	1
2. Minnesota (2)	22-2	1649	3
3. Kentucky	24-3	1622	4
4. Wake Forest	20-3	1512	2
5. Utah	19-3	1447	5
6. Duke	21-5	1438	6
7. Iowa St.	18-4	1264	9
8. Clemson	20-5	1247	7
9. South Carolina	18-6	1129	12
10. New Mexico	20-4	1091	13
11. Cincinnati	19-5	996	8
12. North Carolina	17-6	906	16
13. Arizona	16-6	882	11
14. Maryland	19-6	874	10
15. Louisville	19-5	707	17
16. Xavier	18-4	646	19
17. UCLA	15-7	565	24
18. Michigan	17-7	558	14
19. Villanova	18-7	320	18
20. Stanford	15-6	319	22
21. Colorado	17-7	268	15
22. Charleston	23-2	252	25
23. Illinois	18-7	249	20
24. Indiana	20-7	186	—
25. California	18-6	171	—

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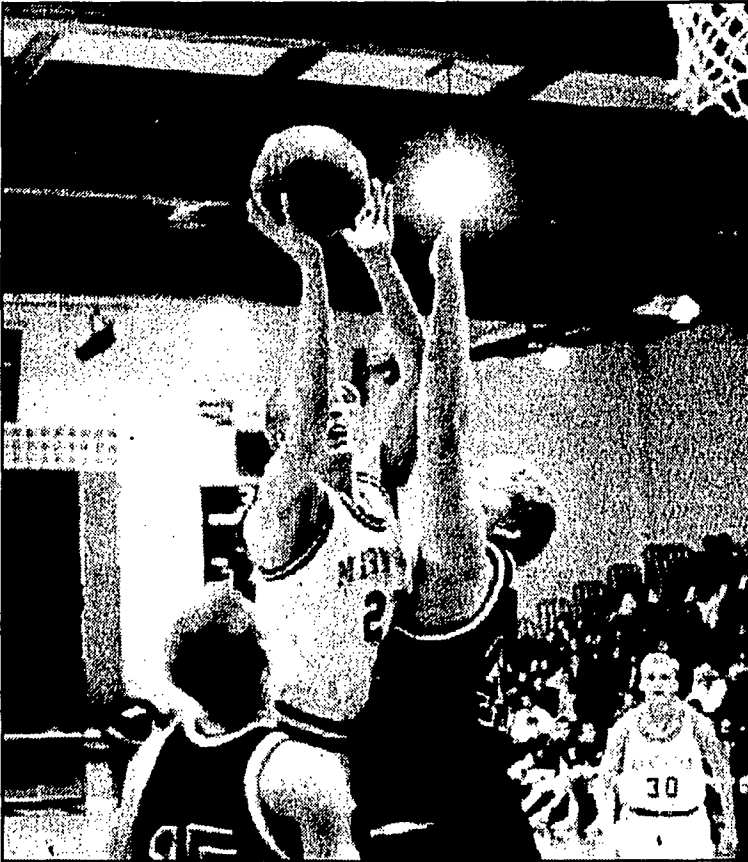
Indoor Track

Northwest

Feb. 15, Women @ Nebraska Open

1st	Jacshelle Sasser	38' 4 3/4"
triple jump	Riddle, Manuel, Koch, Sindelar	4:10.22
4x400 relay team	Julie Humphreys	54' 1 3/4"
2nd	Carrie Sindelar	2:19.20
800-meter run	Leslie Dickherber	45' 4"
4th	Heldi Metz	5:07.12
mile run	Jacshelle Sasser	5' 6"
4th	Jennifer Griffen	16' 6"
high jump	Dana Luke	19:22.61
5,000-meter run	Misty Campbell	5' 4"
8th		
high jump		

Goin' to the hole



Jennilior Meyer/Chief Photographer

Junior John Otte goes up and over Chillicothe's Justin Bland. The 'Hounds were defeated by the Hornets Friday night, but Maryville rebounded with victories over Savannah and Red Oak.

MIAA Schedule

Men's Basketball

Saturday's Schedule
PSU @ MSSC, 3:00 p.m.
ESU @ WU, 7:30 p.m.
NWMSU @ MWSC, 7:30 p.m.
TSU @ LU, 7:30 p.m.
SBU @ UMR, 7:45 p.m.
Tuesday's Schedule
1st Round MIAA Championship Tournament

Women's Basketball

Saturday's Schedule
PSU @ MSSC, 1:00 p.m.
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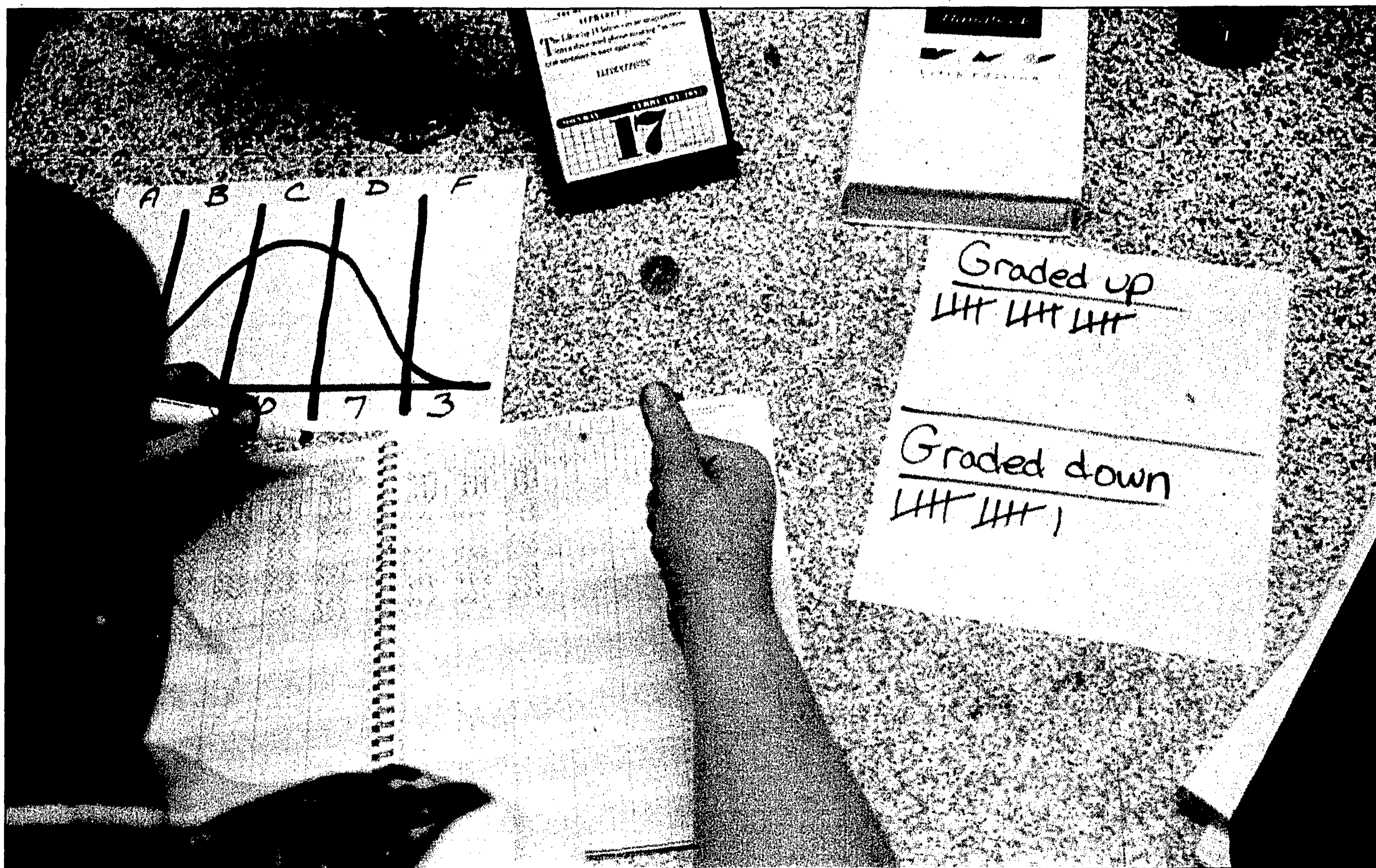


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Is your grade left to chance?

Professors differ on grading

by Adam Buckley
Missourian Staff

Everyone knows that tests are a big part of college life. Not the best part, but necessary.

Did you ever wonder how those tests are graded after you finish taking them?

Most students are in favor of a grading system with a curve set to determine the highest grade in the class. That way, if a student doesn't do well, he or she has some assurance that the grade could still be salvaged.

The most popular way of grading the performance in a class is to assign a certain number of points, computing the total number of points the student makes and then assigning a letter grade from the sought after A to the dreaded F.

Another way, which uses a curve (the most famous being the bell curve), is where most students in the class receive a C, a few less receive B's and D's and a few receive A's and F's.

Depending on the professor, some are in favor of this, while others think it is not this grading system is not always the best.

Fred Lamer, assistant professor of mass communication, does not think a bell curve is beneficial for students.

"The problem I have with a bell curve is that it predestines some people to doing well, and some students to flunk," Lamer said. "Suppose I have an exceptional group of people — why should anybody flunk?"

Robert Dewhirst, assistant professor of government, is not in favor of any type of curve.

"If you use a true curve, and happen to be with a good class, and get an 85, that's a C," Dewhirst said. "Because you are with a good class, this is the score you get. But an 85 is

an 85; it should be worth more than a C."

Depending on the class a student takes, a bell curve may be more suited for a lower division class rather than the senior level. Computer science professor, Phil Heeler, thinks the bell curve is suited for certain classes.

"A bell curve in a senior level course is not appropriate," Heeler said. "But in a class like computer literacy, it's probably appropriate because there are more students. They will proportion themselves across a bell curve easier. It depends on the situation."

In regards to judging a student's performance, Heeler said a bell curve would only work with a large enough class situation. In smaller classes, the range of a student's performance would not fit well within a bell curve.

"When an instructor finds that maybe their instrument is faulty, especially when developing new assessment instruments — tests, assignments, and so forth — when you get everybody doing poorly, there's probably something wrong, and it's not just the students," Lamer said.

When the instructor uses tested instruments that have worked in the past, Lamer said, then it's a different story. It is only when the testing or assignments are used for the first time that curves are beneficial.

Most professors do not favor a

universal grading system where all professors would use the same grading method.

"Within a class, it is best decided at least by the professor, and sometimes the students, as to how the grading system should be," Heeler said.

In this way, interaction between the professor and students can achieve an agreed upon grading system both can be happy about. One example, some professors use is to allow the student, on an individual basis, to decide where and how points should be allocated.

Overall, some professors have no desire to be told what they can and cannot do.

"I'm not in favor of homogenization," Lamer said. "The classroom is a very territorial and almost sacred place, and I don't want anybody dictating what goes on in my classroom."

Lamer is in favor of trying new things to use in the classroom, but only at his discretion.

After a grading system has been established, a problem arises with students who receive a grade that is considered "on the border." Generally, the professor will bump the student up to the next letter, but only if the student's performance warrants such a move.

"The worst part of grading is border line," Dewhirst said. "Moving a student up a grade depends on atten-

dance, improvement in the progression of the course, basically factors like that. You try to be as objective as possible."

Most professors, however, will not raise a letter grade for a student if little or effort is made to show improvement or a desire to try and learn the material offered.

After time, it becomes common knowledge that in some courses there are easier professors to have than others. For some, it's imperative to find the easiest ones to insure the least amount of work. However, in some areas, there is no easy ride.

For example government classes are fairly consistent in terms of the amount of work assigned.

"We're all pretty close together in terms of our classes," Dewhirst said. "Another variable, however, is the class. Some classes just do better than others. The teacher is another variable to look at."

Within computer science courses, Heeler said most of the classes are the same in intensity. Professors are moderately uniformed enough to provide a good balance of easy and hard work within classes.

One thing that holds a class together is its syllabus. Except for perhaps a change in order assignments, most professors follow their syllabuses to the "T."

"When you've got 30 or more students in a class, I tend to be more regimented and adhere to the syllabus, for my own well being as well as the student's," Lamer said.

However, at times it is good to put the syllabus aside if the course and students taking the course can do this and still learn what is being taught.

"I take grading very seriously because the students do," Dewhirst said. "It's the least fun part of my job. I think the perfect job would be teaching without giving out any grades."

A lot of students wish that was a reality instead of a fantasy. In any case, the best thing to do to overcome faulty curves or normal grading systems is to study. This way, no matter how the grading is done, you'll be guaranteed an A.

Appeal process allows students more options

by Jessica Stamp
Missourian staff

Many students have received grades they feel should have been higher, but what can a student do if they feel the grade was given because of biased reasons? Students can follow the process to appeal any grade they feel was given unjustly. Students needing to appeal a grade are encouraged to refer to the course catalog.

• A student who feels that the instructor has graded on the basis of personal opinions or other matters unrelated to the established academic standards is encouraged to consult with the instructor in the hope that a satisfactory solution can be achieved.

• If the student still feels the instructor is biased in the academic evaluation they have the right to make a written appeal to the departmental-level Student Relations Committee through the department chairperson or coordinator

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• If the committee feels there is reasonable justification for the student's appeal, then it will schedule a formal hearing with testimony from both the student and instructor, along with any additional supporting evidence.

• The committee will come to a written decision.

No fun? No way!

Community provides fun for students

by Cat Eldridge
Features Editor

In order to break the monotony of going to classes day in and day out, many students think it is necessary to go to Kansas City or other nearby cities to have fun. However, Maryville offers fun of its own.

Students claim that Maryville doesn't offer enough fun activities to keep students in town on weekends.

"Maryville needs some clubs other than the bars," Jeremy Morse, secondary education major, said. "There just isn't much fun here."

For some students, coming to a small town after living in larger cities makes it seem as if there is nothing to do in town.

Jeff Marshall, broadcasting and marketing major, came from Liberty and spent a lot of time in Kansas City. He also lived in Kearney for a year and experienced life in both large and small cities.

"Coming to Maryville really isn't a culture shock," Marshall said. "It is difficult to find things to do, but there are many options if you look."

Many students hang out with friends in their residence halls or homes.

"I have a lot of friends in

Hudson (Hall), so I go there a lot," Marshall said. "I also spend a lot of time at the Rec Center."

Jason Brown, instrumental music education major, spends his time in similar ways. When he cannot find anything in Maryville, he plays basketball, and the recent warm weather has made that easier.

"I usually practice drumming," Brown said. "When I'm not doing that, I play basketball."

Many businesses offer students a place to spend time with friends and relieve some of the stress because of classes. The Leaded Bean and local bars are popular among many students.

"I hang out at the Leaded Bean and the bars a lot," Brown said. "It gives me a chance to be with my friends and have a good time."

Students also venture out to the Maryville Twin Theaters and Bearcat Lanes.

"I go out bowling with my friends," said Marshall. "It's fun, a good way to spend time with my friends and one of the best things to do in Maryville."

Marshall said going out with friends is a necessity. If students don't, they get bored.

"It's a necessity to go out," Marshall said. "Otherwise, I get really bored of being in my room and on campus all of the time."

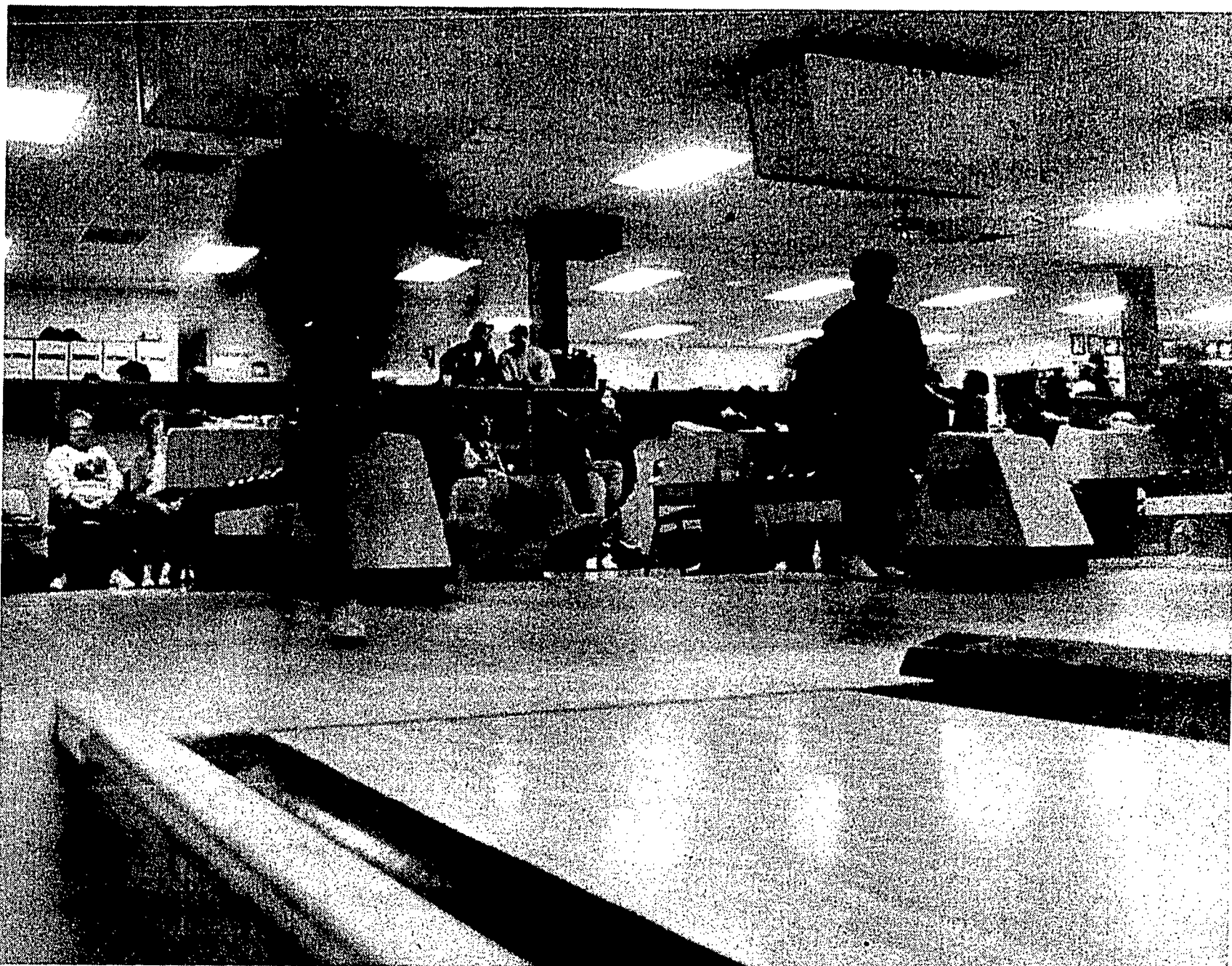


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Eighty women participate in the Bearcat Lanes bowling league on Monday nights. Bearcat Lanes also offers coed leagues, men's leagues, and a coed league for University students. Bearcat Lanes is also home to the Nodaway Special Olympic bowling team every Tuesday.



File Photo

The Grapes win juicy praise of fans

by Karen Conrad
Missourian Staff

The Grapes, hailing from Atlanta released their debut album in 1991: "Water to Wine." Their music can be described as American rock and soul music. I was fortunate enough to listen to their 1993 live compact disc "High or Low."

I found their music to have an interesting mix. It contained jazz, with an upbeat alternative sound. You can get into their music when you hear it for the first time. They describe their unique style as rock, soul, rhythm, blues, funk and a touch of a psychedelic sound.

The Grapes have released three compact discs: "Water to Wine" in '91, "High or Low" in '93 and

"Private Stock" in '95. Their fourth album, "Juice" should be released soon.

The Grapes recently signed with Ozark Talent booking agency. This agency is from Lawrence, Kan.

They finished a tour of the southeast and southwest United States in January. In December of their tour, they played at Linny's in St. Joseph.

Charlie Lonsdorf, Ted Norton, Steven Fink, Rick Welsh and Brooks Smith make up this five-man band.

The Grapes' goal in performing is to leave the audience with a "feel-good attitude" when listening to their music, it sounds as if they achieve their goal every time they perform.

The Grapes formed almost a

decade ago and have played over 2,000 shows. They have played with such bands as: The Black Crowes, Phish and Indigo Girls.

People have nothing but good things to say about The Grapes. An *Arizona Daily Sun* review said, "The Grapes are best experienced live. They are a hard-rocking, psychedelic band that just makes you want to get up and down."

Troy Aubrey, the band's publicist, encourages people to check out their 3-D web site at www.thegrapes.com.

I would definitely recommend checking out the website and the band.

The Grapes have a great sound. After a little more exposure, they will hit the big time. The Grapes get an A.

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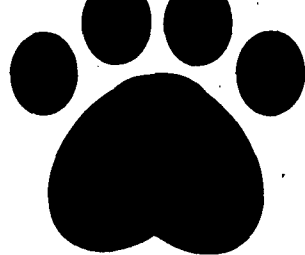


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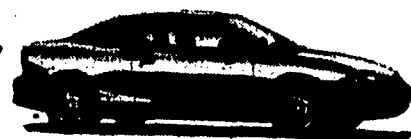


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The Stroller

Your Man finds fun minus love



The Stroller

Yours Truly loses in romance and gambling but picks up on "race-speak"

Did everyone have a wonderful Valentine's Day? As usual Your Man was left alone, by himself, without so much as a smile from the female species. *C'est la vie.*

But the whole weekend wasn't as bland as a science lecture. It did have its good parts. You see, as part as the 21st Annual Valentine's Day Without Women Celebration, Your Man joined fellow VDWWC member Frank and we went to the riverboat down in good ol' St. Joe.

Since I didn't have a credit card balance like many people I know who bought their significant other candy, jewelry or a night on the town (or the small detail of someone to buy all of this stuff for) I could afford to go south and blow some money. With my luck, there was not a illegally-parked-car-behind Wells chance that Your Man could come away with any money.

So Friday night, we left to see what would happen. As we arrived, there must have been something special going on that night. There were people there. Maybe it was a special cruise for lovers.

I entered the riverboat with an extreme sense of confidence. You see, Your Man is good at card games, thanks in part to the number of drinking games I have played in my college career. I got my chips and Frank followed suit and we proceeded to the tables. We started to the black jack table; the first hand was played and I ended up with 20, topping the dealer by one. Can you believe it? I was a winner. And again, I felt good so I stayed there and kept winning. Your Man could not lose.

I was drawing a crowd. Beautiful women were surrounding me. And just as I won all of this money fate struck Your Man and boom, I lost it all. At least it wasn't all at once. It was a declining slide; so at least the unlucky gods whom had followed me all of my life were being nice. At least they let me enjoy part of the evening.

Saturday was a much less adventur-

ous day for me. It is nice to stay in bed until noon, not having anything to do. Your Man although did go to the library to do some research for a composition paper. Oh my teacher should be real proud — homework, on a Saturday.

After returning from the library, I turned on KDLX to listen to the women's basketball game. I would have gone to the game, but the memories from a few years ago of a Stroller Dummy are just too much for Your Man to bare. Jeez, one comment about the origin of a Jeezcat and you get treated like a criminal.

While listening to the game, something sounded a little strange. It was almost like I had returned to my freshman year. The announcers were calling our beloved Bearcats the Lady Bearcats and calling the Jennies — of the cheaters from CMSU — the Lady Jennies. Talk about your goofs.

Sunday was a boring day for me. I did nothing but watch the Daytona 500.

Before the race started, every car driver was saying his sponsor on every question he was asked. I think it is called "race-speak." Definition: The use of free advertising for sponsors during questioning before, during or after a race.

With that in mind and to make the race watchers who read this column happy and more at home, Your Man is going to finish the column race-speak.

Question: How does the Stroller think things are going to go with this week's column?

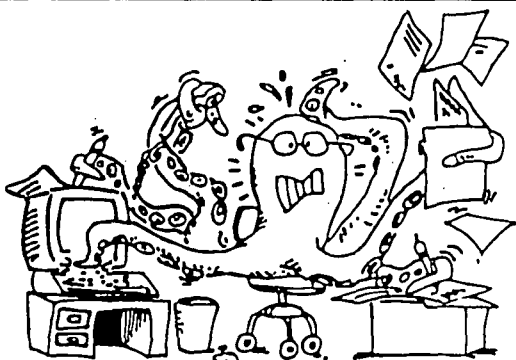
Well, you know. Things have definitely been up and down this year. There have been a couple good columns and a not-so-good one. But, you know, the Missouriian sponsored, Macintosh processed column will be getting better as the year goes on. So far I have been happy with my performance, but my bosses at the Missouriian editorial offices would like to see more humor. I'll just have to see what happens.

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ACROSS

- 1 Season
- 5 Stage play
- 10 Orem's state
- 14 Crop of a bird
- 15 Certain fisher
- 16 All's opposite

17 Gunner's need

- 18 Grayish tan
- 19 Diminish
- 20 Coloring matter
- 22 Tolerated
- 24 Feed for horses
- 25 Graceful birds

29 Norm

- 33 Apple remnants
- 34 Remain
- 35 Promise
- 36 Spheres
- 37 Burns superficially
- 38 Notoriety
- 39 Neighbor of Can.

40 Cafe au —

- 41 City in Switzerland
- 42 Make more moderate
- 45 Firearm
- 46 Banister
- 48 Skedaddles
- 51 Large-finned creature

55 Place in Asia

- 56 Anklebone
- 58 Bone: pref.
- 59 "Woe —!"
- 60 Notched irregularly
- 61 Patron saint of Norway
- 62 Equal
- 63 Assessed
- 64 Collision result

DOWN

- 1 Large number
- 2 Large body of people
- 3 Silvery fabric
- 4 Pairs
- 5 First appearances
- 6 Coral ridges
- 7 Arabic letter
- 8 Actress Ryan
- 9 Passages
- 10 Relax

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- 11 Froglike creature
- 12 English queen
- 13 Notice
- 21 Lights-out signal
- 23 Prohibit
- 25 Commence
- 26 Girl or talent end
- 27 Human trunk
- 28 Clitified
- 29 Tie spoiler
- 30 Stopl, at sea
- 31 Framed lover
- 32 Reside
- 34 Wrap for keeping warm
- 37 Secluded place
- 38 Burger and fries, e.g.
- 41 Invoice
- 43 Schoolroom item
- 44 Water barrier
- 45 Balanced
- 47 Bring about
- 48 Error
- 49 Instance
- 50 City in Georgia
- 51 Narrow opening
- 52 Ait
- 53 Laurel
- 54 Bulk
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- Feb. 20 — Sonny Burgess, Grand Emporium. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Must be 21 or older with ID.
- Feb. 21 — Deborah Coleman and the Thrillseekers, Grand Emporium. Concert begins at 9:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Must be 21 or older with ID.
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- Feb. 25 — Valley Song, The Coterie Theater, 2450 Grand Ave. Show begins at 10 a.m. Tickets cost \$6.
- March 9 — Korn, Memorial Hall, 600 N. Seventh St. Concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$18.50

Des Moines

- Feb. 20 — Phantom of the Opera, Des Moines Civic Center. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$16.75 - \$56.75.
- Feb. 22 — Motorcycle races, Iowa State Fairgrounds, 30th and University Ave. Admission is free.
- Feb. 27 — James Bonamy with Southern Exposure, Supertoad. Concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets cost \$8 - \$13.
- Feb. 22 — Motorcycle races, Iowa State Fairgrounds, 30th and University Ave. Admission is free.
- March 1 — Flea market, Iowa State Fairgrounds, 4 - H Exhibits Building. Admission is free.
- March 2 — Masks and Mirrors, Stoner Studio Theater. Show begins at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$5.

Omaha

- Feb. 21 — Quickline, Downtown Grounds. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Admission is free.
- Feb. 21 — "To Kill a Mockingbird," Omaha Community Playhouse, 6915 Cass St. Tickets cost \$18.
- Feb. 22 — Jonathan Richman, Ranch Bowl. Concert begins at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 22 — Mulberry Lane, Downtown Grounds. Concert begins at 9 p.m. Admission is free.
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